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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Future Of Trieste

THE future of Trieste — the degree and extent of sovereignty over the territory to be apportioned to Italy and Yugoslavia — has long been a tedious and tortuous subject. But settlement of the problem is now beginning to assume a sense of urgency. To the Italian way of thinking there has already been far too much procrastination — they find it difficult to understand why their claims, which they consider legitimate beyond dispute, should not immediately be fully satisfied. Yugoslavia, on the other hand, regards any attempt by Britain and the United States to grant Italy any sovereign or new administrative rights as an act of bad faith. The existing complicated situation, amounting almost to an impasse, has been created by a variety of circumstances. Firstly, as long ago as 1948, America and Britain declared they would "recommend the return of the Free Territory of Trieste to Italian sovereignty," without ever being in a position to make good that recommendation. The assurance, however, quite naturally led Italy to expect sympathetic action along the lines indicated, and she has some cause for complaint that the recommendation has not, as yet, been implemented. The Italians also find reason for resentment in the knowledge that while they are subjected to Allied control in Zone A of Trieste, the Yugoslavs have assumed virtually full administrative rights over Zone B, and, as one observer has declared, "govern it as if it were in fact a Free Territory in which Slovenes and Italians have equal rights."

MR Eden, it is now announced, is armed with firm proposals to submit to the Anglo-American-Italian conferences to be held this week on the question of Trieste. The British Government, apparently, desires to restrict both discussion or action to Zone A, thereby avoiding, as far as possible, any prompting of ill-feeling on the part of Yugoslavia. The Yugoslavs, however, are bound to view with suspicion any attempt to settle the Trieste problem without their participation; wherefore, whatever practical achievements result from the London conversations, they will almost certainly arouse the animosity of Yugoslavia. Mr Eden, it is reported, proposes to offer Italy "more voice in the administration of Zone A." Just what this means in practical terms remains to be seen, but there seems to be no sound reason why, at this time, the Allies should not hand over the whole of Zone A, including the town and port of Trieste, to Italian administration. In this way the two zones would be on equal footing, the Italians being responsible for one and the Yugoslavs the other. The proposition also encourages the prospect of Italy and Yugoslavia, left face to face in such conditions, being more readily agreeable to reaching a firm agreement as to their respective rights in the territory.

Attempt To Kill German-Israeli Talks Delegate

RECEIVES EXPLOSIVE PARCEL BY POST

Bonn, Apr. 1.

The leader of the German delegation to the German-Israeli talks in the Hague, Holland, received a package loaded with 40 grams of explosive on Monday night, it was revealed today.

Inside the parcel was a paper signed by the "Organisation of Jewish Partisans."

The jitters spread through German officialdom following the disclosure of a second bomb assassination attempt against a high official in five days. The package was carefully opened and safely dismantled.

The same Jewish organisation's name was signed to a letter received in Paris newspaper offices yesterday, claiming that the abortive parcel bomb attempt against the Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, five days ago was "revenge" for Hitler's atrocities against the Jews.

Responsible Jewish leaders in Germany, France and Switzerland disclaimed knowledge of the self-styled terrorist group. Some German officials said they believed the bombs might have been sent by some anti-Semitic group.

A full investigation of both plots by the Federal police was under way today. A reward of 15,000 marks was offered to the finder of the man or group who tried to kill the Chancellor.

The small explosive package received by the German delegation in the Hague bore an Amsterdam postmark with a 15-cent Dutch stamp and was delivered by the Dutch postal system to the passport section of the German Embassy in the Hague.

The package was forwarded to the hotel where the Secretary-General of the delegation, Abraham Forwein, was packing his bags. According to a Foreign Office spokesman, Forwein carefully opened the paper packet, which appeared to be a large envelope, and investigated the contents.

STRING TRIGGER

When he saw the words "Organisation of Jewish Partisans" on the paper inside, he called the police.

The packet, with a string as trigger, contained 40 grams of white explosive powder in a cylinder. The Dutch police said it might have injured or killed a number of persons.

Top police authorities in the Hague immediately took over the investigation.

The letter-parcel bore an address in French "to the leader of the German delegation" and was posted from Amsterdam. The Amsterdam address mentioned on the parcel appeared to be false.

The Dutch authorities have taken extensive precautionary measures to guarantee the safety of conference delegates. The Castle Oud Wassenaar Hotel, where delegates are staying, is in the quiet and rather remote Hague suburb of Wassenaar and is guarded permanently by two uniformed policemen and three to five plainclothes men.

All letters to the German delegation are carefully checked. Dutch frontier posts have been told to be on the lookout to prevent the entrance of "suspect elements" into Holland.

The German Jewish Socialist Deputy in the Bonn Parliament, Jakob Altmeir, who is a specialist in the Hague negotiations, said here tonight that Nahum Goldman, President of the World Jewish Congress and chief Jewish negotiator in the Hague, had received "threatening letters" from alleged Jewish terrorist groups because he is sitting at the same table as Germans.

EXPRESS REGRETS

He said the bomb plots were the work of Jewish or other terrorists, but "in any case one could be certain the mass of the Jewish people have nothing to do with such criminal means."

Dr Adenauer today received members of the Directorate of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, who include Leopold Goldschmidt, Heinz Galinsky, Julius Dreyfuss and Leonhard Baer and the General Secretary, Dr van Damm. The Jewish representatives expressed "deepest regrets" concerning the attempted assassination of Dr Adenauer.

They also discussed social and political conditions of Jews in Germany. Dr Adenauer expressed satisfaction that through the Central Council Jews in Germany had found a unified representative.—United Press.

ANOTHER A-BOMB TEST

Las Vegas, Apr. 1.

The United States Atomic Energy Commission announced that today's atomic test was of a bomb dropped from a United States Air Force plane, presumably a four-engined B-29 heavy bomber, which had been seen earlier flying at perhaps 12,000 feet.

A correspondent, who watched the explosion from a small plane only 15 miles away, said that the explosion was made over Frenchman Flat, scene of the first atomic experiments in Nevada last year.

The detonation occurred at a low elevation, perhaps about 10,000 feet, the correspondent said. It did not appear as large as most of the seven weapons tested last autumn but in two minutes a rust-coloured semi-mushroom cloud had formed about 11,000 feet.

The correspondent remarked that the most surprising thing was the total absence of any shock after the explosion. No sound was heard either.

The occupants of the small plane had braced themselves for a good knocking about two minutes after they saw the burst but none came.

It was conjectured that this could be laid to the smaller size of the weapon being tested. There were no troops nor animals participating in today's test, the Atomic Energy Commission said.—Reuter.

Railway Disaster

Vienna, Apr. 1.

Nine people were killed in a railway collision in Bohemia on Sunday, Prague Radio announced tonight.

Thirty other people were seriously injured and five suffered light injuries.

Five train conductors were arrested for investigation.—Reuter.

Butler And Trade Union Chiefs Talk Things Over

London, Apr. 1.

Mr Richard Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, today met eight powerful labour union leaders to try to persuade them that his recent budget — which they have condemned — is the best for the British worker.

The delegation, representing the 8,000,000 - strong Trades Union Congress, was informally invited by Mr Butler to come along to No. 11 Downing Street to talk things over.

Last week's TUC statement, which said that the budget was unjust, formed the basis for today's discussion.

Union leaders complain that the budget, particularly the £160,000,000 cut in food subsidies, benefitted the comparatively wealthy middle class at the expense of lower paid workers.

The statement warned Mr Butler that his measures for solving the economic crisis would result in rising living costs leading to a widespread demand for higher wages.

While the TUC appreciates the seriousness of the economic crisis, it charges that the Conservative Government's plans for meeting the situation are contrary to Labour's policy of full employment and economic stability.

Today's meeting was one of a series which Mr Butler has inaugurated to keep in close touch with the opinion of British labour.

Left-wing Labour leaders charge that the informal meetings are a Conservative guise to woo the unions away from the Labour Party of Mr Clement Attlee, whose main strength lies in union backing. — Reuter.

Lighthouse Menace

Lisbon, Apr. 1.

Rescue workers freeing trapped casualties from a wrecked train were today ordered away.

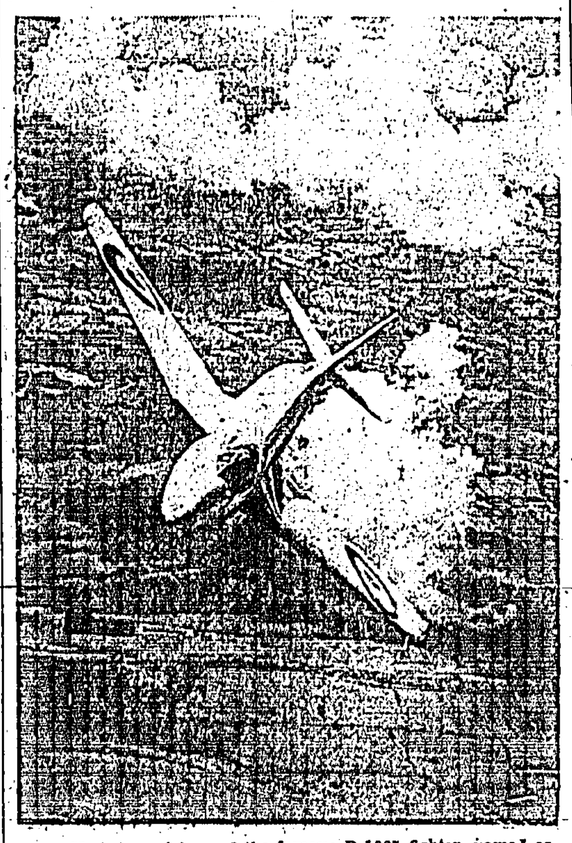
The lighthouse of Gibalta, near the mouth of the Tagus, threatened to crash down on the narrow strip of land where they were working.

They are now trying to hold the lighthouse up by lashing it with a cable to an enormous pine tree but if the lighthouse goes it may drag with it the main road from Estoril to Lisbon which runs alongside the river.

An improvised lighthouse is being set up to guide shipping.

Ten died and 40 other people were hurt yesterday when rocks smashed down on a train returning to Lisbon from Tagus resorts.—Reuter.

Fastest In World



Here is a picture of the famous P-1067 fighter, named as the Hawker Hunter. Since its existence was first announced last July the new machine has created a tremendous impression. It was designed by Sydney Camm of Hurricane fame, and has been ordered off the drawing board, in quantity by the RAF. It has been announced that super-priority has been given to the production of the "Hunter" and the Supermarine Swift, both of which are superior to the much vaunted Russian MIG-15. The Hawker Hunter has been described by experts as the "Fastest fighter in the world." — London Express.

State Dept Repudiates Formosa Statement By Navy Secretary

Washington, Apr. 1.

The State Department said today that the Navy Secretary Dan Kimball's statement that the United States Navy would "stand on the sidelines and cheer" any Chinese Nationalist attempt to invade the Communist mainland from Formosa was not cleared with policy officials here and did not represent the attitude of the American Government.

The spokesman of the State Department, Mr Michael McDermott, said that American policy remained the same as on June 27, 1950, when President Truman laid down the order for the United States Seventh Fleet to "neutralise" Formosa.

The order was designed to prevent either a Nationalist attack on the Red-held mainland or a Chinese Communist assault on Formosa.

The President said that he took this action to prevent any additional conflict in Asia until the Korea war is settled.

Mr McDermott said he understood that Kimball "was speaking his own personal view and I am sure that he was not expressing United States policy."

NOT CLEARED

In response to questioning Mr McDermott said that Kimball's statements in Tokyo and Formosa were not cleared with the State Department.

He added, "We support only what the President said in 1950. Anything to the contrary we do not support."

Mr McDermott said that the State Department was making no effort to contact Kimball on statements regarding Formosa. Nor had the State Department raised any objections to the statements with the Navy here, he said.

Other Administration officials expressed surprise and concern at Mr Kimball's remark.

The White House had no immediate comment on Mr Kimball's statement except that President Truman's directive to the Seventh Fleet still stands.

There was no immediate indication whether Mr Kimball would be reprimanded for the remark.

General MacArthur got himself into hot water with the White House in August, 1950, for statements touching on the Formosa policy. Mr Truman directed him to withdraw his statement to the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention.

The Administration also took exception at one time to a Boston speech by the then Navy Secretary, Francis Matthews, in which he discussed a "preventive war."

The authorities here also expressed concern over possible effects of Mr Kimball's remark on the Korean truce negotiations.

As for Mr Kimball's opinion, the United States should continue to protect Formosa "no matter what happens." The authorities pointed that Mr Truman told a news conference on August 31, 1950, that it would not be necessary to keep the Seventh Fleet in Formosa Straits if and when the Korean war was settled. — United Press.

Nation-Wide Strike Threat

Washington, Apr. 1.

America faces a probable nation-wide steel strike one week from today.

The Director of Price Stabilisation, Mr Ellis Arnall, said today, after conferring with the President of United States Steel, Mr Benjamin Fairless, that he feared there would be a strike on April 8.

"I hope for the best but I fear the worst," Mr Arnall told reporters.

The 650,000 members of the Steelworkers' Union have a strike set for a week from today.

Mr Fairless conferred with Mr Arnall about the prospects of the Government allowing the price of steel to increase to offset wage raises recommended by the Wage Stabilisation Board.—Reuter.

Trieste: Gasperi & Eden Appeal To Tito

London, Apr. 1.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, today appealed to Yugoslavia to relent on the long-delayed Trieste problem and co-operate toward a settlement through direct negotiations with Italy.

In a lengthy conference with the Yugoslav Ambassador, Mr Joself Brilej, Mr Eden tried to allay Marshal Josef Tito's fears that the forthcoming three-power conference in London might prejudice the final status of Trieste.

Mr Brilej, returning from consultations in Belgrade, conveyed Marshal Tito's warning that the West might lose Yugoslavia's goodwill and co-operation if it were to make important concessions to Italy on the Trieste issue.

Mr Eden told the Ambassador that the talks between Italy and the Anglo-American powers, which start here on Thursday, would attempt only to give Italy a great share in the administration of Zone A of Trieste, now governed by Britain and the United States. Yugoslavia controls Zone B.

He said the talks would not seek to anticipate or prejudge the status of Trieste, which Britain considers should be settled by Italy and Yugoslavia.

Mr Eden today also conferred with General Sir John Winterton, head of the Allied Military Government in Trieste.—United Press.

CONCILIATORY

Rome, Apr. 1.

The Italian Prime Minister, Mr Alcide de Gasperi, today appealed to Marshal Tito to make a new attempt at agreement on Trieste.

Speaking in the Senate, Mr De Gasperi replied in a bland and conciliatory tone to Marshal Tito's attack on the forthcoming London talks on Trieste between Italy, Britain and America yesterday.

Mr De Gasperi said, "To the angry out-pourings of the Marshal I can respond with the calmness and the self-possession of one who knows that he is in the right: let us seek conciliation.

"As far as we are concerned we ask nothing that would humiliate you, nothing that belongs to you, nothing that could prejudice friendly collaboration between two peoples destined to live cheek by jowl."

Mr De Gasperi added that at the February NATO meeting in Lisbon, Britain, America and France recognised that direct negotiations between Italy and Yugoslavia were "destined to shipwreck unless they intervened."

Mr De Gasperi said exchanges were in progress between the three Powers and Yugoslavia and Italy when rioting broke out in the Anglo-American Zone of Trieste 10 days ago and spread to the rest of Italy, resulting in some 300 people being injured.

These incidents arising from demonstrations staged to demand the return of the whole Trieste Territory to Italy gave rise to the proposal to seek an immediate improvement in the administration of the Anglo-American Zone of Trieste, Mr De Gasperi said.

Mr De Gasperi insisted that the three-Power talks in London next Thursday were designed solely to find ways of associating Italy more closely in the administration of the Anglo-American Zone.

He said, "We have not lost sight of the necessity of a solution for the whole of the Trieste Territory. In taking part in the London talks we are anxious to avoid even the appearance of abandoning the Zone occupied by Yugoslavia."

Mr De Gasperi declared that he would not reply in detail to Marshal Tito's speech "because I do not want to poison the atmosphere beyond redemption."

NO BASIS

He added that in reality direct negotiations between Italy and Yugoslavia on a settlement of the Trieste question had never taken place because preliminary soundings offered no basis for more concrete dealings.

The Italian delegation to the London talks left Rome today by train accompanied by the Italian Ambassador to Britain, Mr Manlio Brosio, who had returned to Rome for one day of consultations with Mr De Gasperi who is also the Italian Foreign Minister.

Both extremes of the Italian political line-up, using newspapers, wall-posters and every other means of propaganda, were claiming that the London talks amounted to Italian abandonment of the Yugoslav-occupied zone of Trieste.—Reuter.

Rhine Rises Dangerously

Bonn, Apr. 1.

The Rhine River is near the flood stage today and is still rising as the Water Police ordered all ships to anchor.

With the river up to 22ft. 10ins. at Coblenz — 3 ft. 8 ins. higher than on Saturday — river-side streets are completely flooded.

Patrons of luxury hotels at Kornigswinter, on the left bank of the river, had to wade through muddy water to get in or out.

High waters knocked all telephones in the giant American Commission's headquarters in Mehlem out of commission.

In Bonn large rats, which normally live by the river, are fleeing to higher ground.—United Press.

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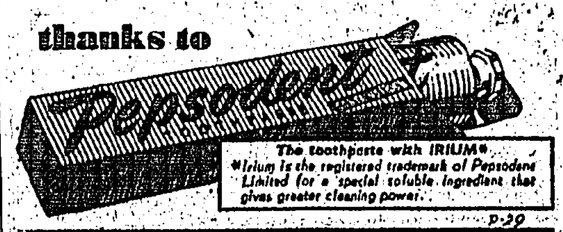

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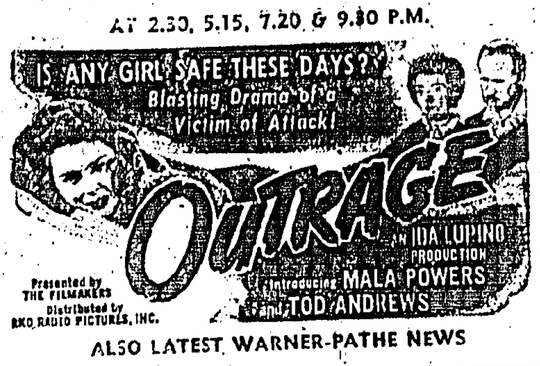

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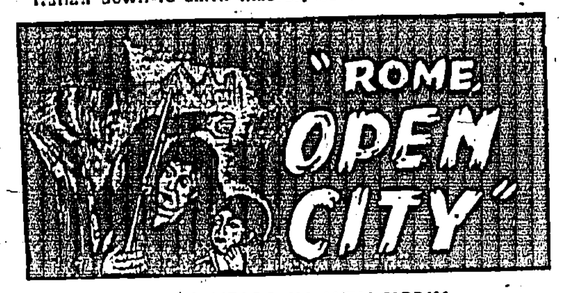

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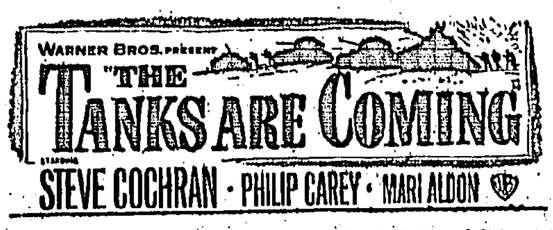

NZ Navy Short Of Sailors

Wellington, Apr. 1.

The greater part of New Zealand's naval strength is lying idle because there are not sufficient sailors to man the ships.

Though two frigates are in Korean waters, four other frigates and one cruiser are tied up at Auckland.

The cruiser Black Prince has not been to sea since New Zealand acquired her in 1946.—London Express Service.

American Awarded Knighthood

London, Apr. 1.

Queen Elizabeth today awarded William V. Griffin, of Peapereck, N.J., the insignia of Knight of the British Empire for his work as President of the English-Speaking Union in the United States.

Mr Griffin, on his way to Rome, said that he valued his work with the Union because it brought British and American citizens closer together.

He was selected for the award by the late King George VI.

He held the honorary knighthood with about 70 other Americans, including General Eisenhower, General Douglas MacArthur, James Doolittle, Admiral Chester Nimitz and Hollywood's Douglas Fairbanks, Jnr.

Since he could not swear allegiance to the Queen as his sovereign, Mr Griffin did not receive the traditional sword tap on his shoulder by which knights are dubbed.

For this reason he will not normally be addressed as "Sir William."

The Union is a social-cultural organisation with branches throughout America. It aims at the promotion of good relations between Britain and the United States.—Reuter.

Committed Murder "To Get Out Of The Army," Soldier's Story

Lampasas, Tex., Apr. 1.

A cook's helper today stuck to the story that he had killed his mess officer with a home-made bullet because he was "willing to do anything" to get out of the army.

Pte. Michael Kunak, 19, shot Second Lieutenant Harold Williamson yesterday in the presence of Signal Corps Officers and newspaper reporters who were watching manoeuvres.

Kunak, a six-foot veteran paratrooper, then put aside his carbine and stood at parade rest to await the arrival of the Military Police.

The bullet which killed Williamson was fashioned from a piece of brass cleaning rod.

Live ammunition was not issued to Kunak or to the other soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division which is participating in "Exercise Longhorn," war games being held here.

"I'll kill a man to get out of the army. I'll kill the man who would keep me from getting out," he told Police and reporters last night.

He said, "I know I was wrong. I expected to be hanged. It was cold, deliberate murder."

Shooting and accidents have raised the death toll in Exercise Longhorn, the United States' biggest military manoeuvre, to six as the Army revealed that two more infantry men had been wounded by home-made bullets fired by men of the 82nd Airborne Division.

SHOT IN BACK

The Army disclosed that two men of the 47th Infantry Division were shot in the back last week by similar home-made ammunition.

Officers of the 47th said that the two new shootings were by paratroopers of the 82nd but they did not know the details.

They said that an investigation had been started and that the wounded men are in hospital.

The giant manoeuvre was in recess today with its 115,000 men taking a rest while vehicles were repaired.

A heavy truck carrying seven men of the 82nd crashed through a small bridge over the Lampasas River last night.

Two of the men were killed. The other five were hurt, the Army said.—United Press.

TALKS ON JAPANESE DEBTS

London, Apr. 1.

Talks on the settlement of Japan's pre-war external debts may be held in London soon after the Japanese peace treaty becomes effective, usually reliable sources said today.

The dates have not yet been fixed, but the operation of the treaty would clear a way for them, the sources said.

The Japanese Government last week decided to deposit £20,000,000 with the Bank of England for two years as a token of goodwill towards holders of Japanese Sterling bonds.

During this period the sum will be available for any payments by Japan to her creditors in connection with the settlement of her Sterling bonded indebtedness.

A Tokyo cable said today that it was authoritatively stated that Japan will deposit about £10,000,000 with the United States Federal Reserve Bank as a token of goodwill in redemption of Japanese bonds.

Unofficial estimates suggest that the outstanding principal of the Japanese State and municipal Sterling debt is about £60,000,000 and that the accrued interest is half that sum.

Sterling creditors are understood to be mainly private creditors, and the London talks, if and when they are held, are not expected to deal with the Japanese dollar and franc bond indebtedness.—Reuter.

Moslem Trust Fund Plan

Singapore, Apr. 1.

Singapore Moslems are planning the establishment of a multi-million dollar trust fund to further educational, cultural and social advancement of their people.

An extensive drive is to be carried out in Singapore and throughout the neighbouring islands for purchasers of shares in the trust which are to be sold at STS$5 each.

Trust funds will initially be invested in real estate in the Moslem residential area of Singapore, a spokesman for the organising committee said.—Associated Press.

ARMOURED CARS FOR MALAYA

London, Apr. 1.

British units in Malaya have their full establishment of armoured vehicles, and additional vehicles could only be provided now at the expense of other units' essential needs, Mr Anthony Head, the War Minister, said in the House of Commons today.

Brigadier Fitzroy Maclean (Conservative) had asked the Minister if his attention had been drawn to the fact that British troops in Malaya were inadequately supplied with armoured fighting vehicles.—Reuter.

AMERICAN ELECTION LATEST

Washington, Apr. 1.

The former Democratic National Chairman, Mr James Farley, said today that President Truman is entitled to a lot of credit for announcing his decision regarding re-election.

He predicted that there will be more candidates at the Democratic convention than in the past.

Senator Harry Byrd (Virginia) said that the President's announcement enhances the opportunity of Senator Richard Russell (Georgia) to get the Democratic presidential nomination.

Other developments in the presidential race:

Stevenson — Supporters of Governor Adlai Stevenson opened the national headquarters in Chicago as the Governor quipped: "Illinois looks even better to me after that battle royal in Washington."

Kerr—Senator Robert Kerr of Oklahoma predicted victory in today's Nebraska primary.

Kefauver — Senator Estes Kefauver (Tennessee) said that he had a very good chance of beating Senator Kerr in Nebraska.

Barkley—Senator Thomas Underwood (Kentucky) was certain that Vice-President Alben Barkley is available for presidential nomination but Mr Barkley himself continued to remain silent on this possibility.

All the above are ranged on the Democratic side.

TAFT CONFIDENT

Developments on the Republican side:

Taft—Senator Robert Taft (Ohio) was sure of winning today's Wisconsin primary. He added that a minimum of 20 (of 30) delegates would be necessary in order to call it a victory.

Eisenhower — Supporters of General Eisenhower claimed a victory in their fight to claim at least four Republican delegates on the basis of the General's astonishing write-in support in the Minnesota primary.

Stassen — Harold Stassen hoped for good results in the Wisconsin primary and said that Taft was losing ground rapidly there.

Warren—Governor Earl Warren (California) called for the support of Wisconsin voters who are not part of the political machine.

MacArthur — Representative Howard Buffett (Nebraska) urged supporters of General MacArthur to vote for Taft because Taft and General MacArthur are on the same team.—United Press.

TRUMAN'S "FORTUNE"

Washington, Apr. 1.

When Truman leaves the White House he will have a modest fortune, his intimates report.

Some of them guess the size of it as being about $200,000. They say it represents savings from the presidential salary of $100,000 a year and a tax-free expense account of $50,000 annually.—United Press.

Rebellion Against Taxes Ending

Oaxaca, Apr. 1.

Governor Manuel Mayoral Heredia disbanded his "private army" today as Southern Mexico's bloody tax rebellion began to subside.

Nearly 3,000 men were armed by Heredia to quell the rioting which began here 11 days ago.

These men have been returned to their villages and Federal troops and tanks were withdrawn from the State capital's main plaza.

The Governor is reported to be suffering from a "tremendous nervous crisis" following stormy protests against his regime.

He has again appealed to the citizens to call off a general strike which is paralysing most of the Isthmus of Tetsuanpec.

Leaders of the "passive resistance" movement against Heredia said that the strike would continue until the Governor resigns but they promised that there would be no further violence. — United Press.

Hottest Spring

Mexico City, Apr. 1.

Mexico is having its hottest spring for 50 years. The average temperature in February and March was 12 to 15 degrees higher than ever before registered.

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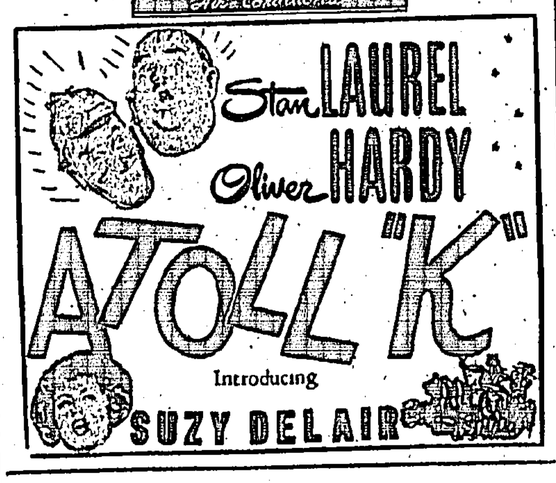

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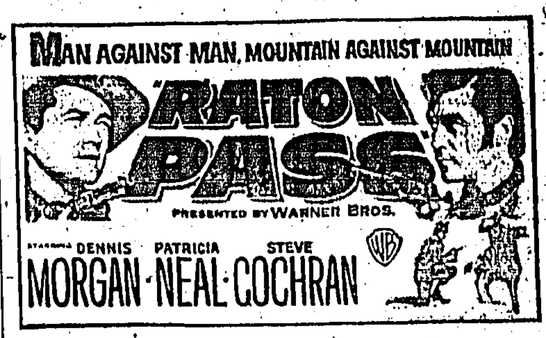

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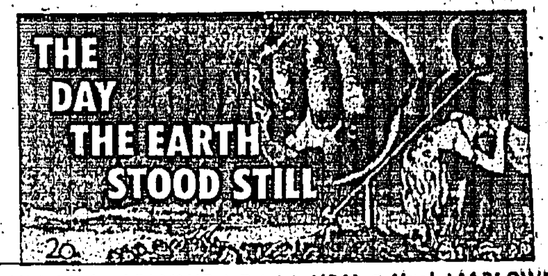

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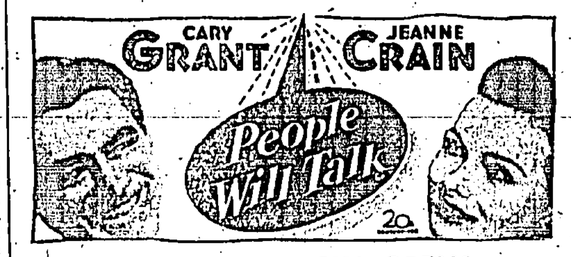

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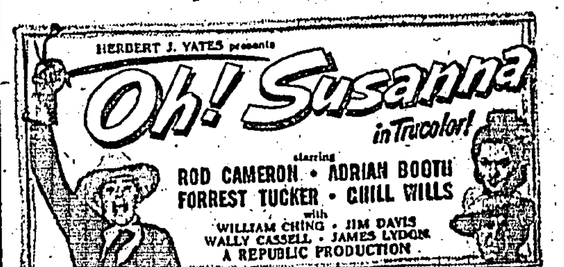

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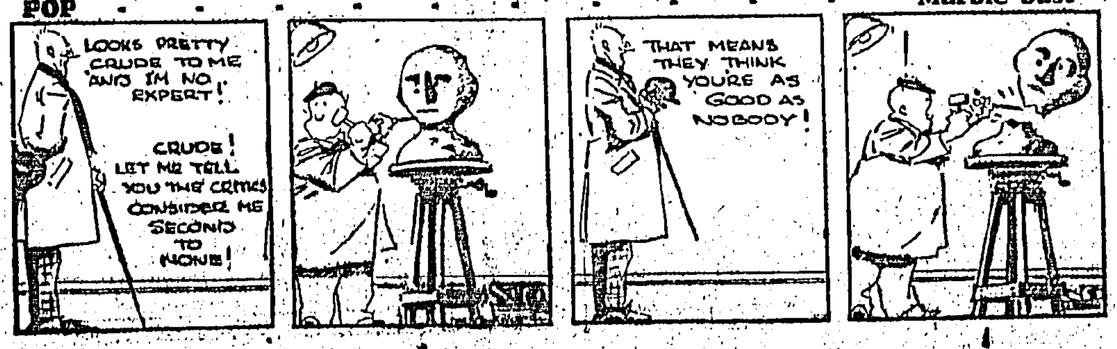

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GENERAL EISENHOWER WARNS EUROPE

Continent Must Start To Stand On Its Own Feet

Hint That US Aid Cannot Continue Indefinitely

Paris, Apr. 2.

General Eisenhower said today that the tide was flowing to the West in the Great-Power struggle with Communism but he warned that America might tire of pouring resources into a Europe not trying hard enough to help itself.

The Supreme Commander for the Atlantic Powers, in an 11,000-word report on the past year of his work, appealed to Western Europe to smash its custom barriers, pool its resources and stand on its own feet.

"America cannot continue to be the primary source of munitions for the free world. This would be militarily unsound. Moreover, the United States cannot long continue such expenditures without endangering her own economic structure. The soundness of that structure is of vital concern throughout the world," General Eisenhower said.

Despite his warnings, however, the General emphasised in his report that the United States supports military and economic aid for Europe because most American people agree as to the wisdom and necessity of this course.

General Eisenhower made a single statement which might be interpreted as reference to the policies of Senator Taft whose foreign policy he will oppose if he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency.

He said that when he came to Europe, America was deeply committed in Korea and moreover strong voices could be heard in America disputing the NATO concept of collective security and opposing further United States reinforcement of the European area.

Senator Taft had opposed the Atlantic Pact in the Senate.

General Eisenhower's words bore out the generally accepted belief that this report was the swan song of the military commander and the foreign policy pronouncement of a very potential candidate for the Presidential nomination on the Republican ticket.

FERVENT APPEAL

General Eisenhower never for a moment drew back from his stand that the defence of Europe was essential and he made a fervent appeal for a United Europe but he warned frankly that there was impatience at the evidence that Europe was not pulling its share.

"Consequently, it would be fatuous for anyone to assume that the taxpayers of America will continue to pour money and resources into Europe unless encouraged by steady progress toward mutual co-operation and full effectiveness. To be sure, the citizens of all NATO countries are carrying heavy tax burdens, but even if these are at optimum levels there are still many steps possible in Europe which would cost little and yet bring a rich return," General Eisenhower said.

Not once in his report, which was addressed to the Chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's Standing Group in Washington, or in the newsreel and television speech he prepared to accompany it did General Eisenhower hint that he was planning to be relieved of his 14-nation command.

But it was considered a fait accompli throughout Europe that General Eisenhower was a candidate, particularly with Mr Truman's withdrawal from the presidential nomination race, and the year-end report had the ring of a man assessing a job not finished but well started.

Of Europe's ability to defend itself against Soviet aggression General Eisenhower said frankly, "At this time the forces assigned to SHAPE are not of themselves sufficient to stay the hand of an aggressor. Of some comfort in this bleak realisation is the existence of other military forces in adjacent areas."

GROWING CONFIDENCE

He pointed to the superiority of the Allied fleets, to the RAF Fighter Command in Britain, to the United States' strategic bomber bases in Britain and North Africa and to new types of arms which would help his smaller forces cut Russia's massive legions down to size.

"As the months have passed confidence has grown throughout the NATO community from the existence of greater and more effective forces and an organisation to direct and support them," the General said.

Against the Western structure General Eisenhower pointed to the Soviet and Soviet satellite force which "casts its shadow over the length and breadth of Europe."

He estimated Russia's strength in Europe at 175 divisions plus 60 satellite divisions, 20,000 warplanes and some 300 submarines.

"By prolongation of the war in Korea and Indo-China, by constant attempts at erosion and the subversion of effective government in the Far East and the Middle East, heavy drains have been imposed upon the Western Powers which reduce the resources available to establish a balance in Europe. Nevertheless, the tide has begun to flow our way and the situation of the free world is brighter than it was a year ago," General Eisenhower declared.

MORALE BETTER

He summed up the year's progress in a brief report recorded last Saturday for television, radio and newsreel audiences throughout the free world and which is also to be released today.

In it General Eisenhower said, "On the encouraging side there has been almost a revolutionary rise in the morale of the armed forces. Their training is efficiently directed by some of the most experienced soldiers, sailors and airmen alive today.

"Another encouraging factor has been the accretion of Turkey and Greece to our organisation. These two self-reliant nations have joined us in the same spirit that the rest have displayed.

"The great productive machinery of the Western world is beginning to roll. Equipment is being produced at a much faster rate than has been the case over the past many months."

General Eisenhower declared that despite great strides in Western rearmament in the past year, his forces were still too weak for a determined defence against possible Soviet aggression.

TIDE FLOWING

"But the tide has begun to flow our way and the situation of the free world is brighter than it was a year ago," he added.

Visible and within grasp, the West had the capability of building such military, economic and moral strength as the Communist world would never dare to challenge, General Eisenhower said. "When this point is reached, the Iron Curtain rulers may finally be willing to participate seriously in disarmament negotiations."

General Eisenhower drew up this balance sheet of East-West forces a year ago when SHAPE was formed:

RUSSIA—175 divisions, 30 of them just beyond the East-West dividing line, of which one-third were either mechanised or armoured. Twenty thousand planes, 20 naval cruisers and about 300 submarines. Behind this was "a vast sprawling economy largely harnessed to war."

WEST EUROPE—Less than 15 NATO divisions adequately trained and equipped. Less than 1,000 operational planes—many obsolescent. The Navy was much better off than Russia's.

EUROPE'S NEED

In the past year Russia's satellites had increased their armed forces, her air force in East Germany was replacing obsolescent planes with jets, and throughout East Europe work on airfields, communications and supply installations was being vigorously pursued.

This year NATO would have 50 divisions, about half of them standing forces, apart from those to come from Greece and Turkey, which had between them more than 25 divisions.

The European air arms would include about 4,000 planes, a significant proportion of them jet fighters.

The Western naval power was still superior to Russia's.

General Eisenhower stressed the need for Europe to become self-sufficient in arms production, and then listed six main objectives to make the West "stay the hand of the aggressor":

SIX OBJECTIVES

1. Unification of Europe as the best hope of permanent stability.

2. Organisation of reservists to produce trained formations fit to fight without long training after mobilisation.

3. Adequate air bases.

4. The overcoming of deficiencies in minesweepers, anti-submarine craft and harbour defence installations.

5. Conversion in reality of the West's economic potential, which was superior to the East's, and

6. An annual review of the full nature and composition of military programmes.

There was little hope for the economical long-term attainment of European security and stability unless West Germany could be counted on the side of the free nations, he said.

"Unless Germany becomes a partner of the West, we might eventually see a repetition of the disaster of Czechoslovakia."

General Eisenhower praised the Schuman Plan for pooling Europe's coal and steel and the European Defence Community as two plans marking big advances.

If they could be supplemented by a Schuman plan for electric power and agriculture, along with a system for standardising money values, the benefits would be profound and far-reaching, he added.

NO REAL SECURITY

The report, submitted to the Military Standing Group of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, warned at the outset that it would be disastrous if the favourable signs and developments it recorded created a sense of adequate security.

For, General Eisenhower stressed, "there is no real security yet achieved in Europe, there is only a beginning."

At the same time, he added, there was no excuse for defeatism as progress had been made in all aspects of security.

The West was competing with the ideological force of Communism, which had joined with the imperialistic ambitions of a group controlling all life and resources between the Elbe and the China Sea.

"In this concert of action and power lies great danger for a single nation exposed directly or indirectly to the unrelenting, never ending attacks of propaganda, subversion, force and the threat of force.

UNITY NEEDED

"We want peace, we want freedom too and the individual rights to which our whole civilisation is dedicated, but to want these things is not enough. We can keep them only by work, selflessness, constancy and sacrifice.

"The enormity of the present threat will never be met by half-hearted measures or by any superficial military facade."

The great effort needed to meet this threat demanded unified action not only among but within the Western nations, General Eisenhower declared.

He referred to political factions which seemed to hold their own immediate gain higher than the fate of their nation or even that of civilisation itself and elements who apparently placed profits above patriotism.

"At the same time there are workers in our member countries still suffering from the delusion that their interests are served by association with Communist-led labour groups. It is nightmarish that any free worker of the West could respond voluntarily to the same Kremlin voices that have dedicated themselves to the elimination of free labour unions in Russia and other countries," the General said.

CAN BE DONE

Concluding his report, General Eisenhower said there was a great task ahead, but given the will, it could be done.

"There is power in our union—and resourcefulness on land, sea and air. Visible and within grasp we have the capability of building such military, economic and moral strength as the Communist world would never dare to challenge.

"When that point is reached, the Iron Curtain rulers may finally be willing to participate seriously in disarmament negotiations. Then, we may see fulfilled the universal hope expressed in the United Nations Charter to reduce the diversion, for armaments, of the world's human and economic resources.

"Then the Atlantic community will have proved worthy of its history and its God-given endowments. We shall have proved our union the world's most potent influence towards peace among men—the final security goal of humanity."—United Press and Reuter.

This prospective buyer holds a 71-inch long, two-handed sword, of German and Swiss origin, possibly early 17th century, at a sale at Sotheby's of one of the largest collections of antique firearms and other lethal weapons in Britain.—Express Service.

Hague Talks Adjourned

The Hague, Apr. 1.

The reparations talks here between West Germany and a delegation of World Jewry have been adjourned for a few days to enable the Germans to consult their Government, it was stated by a spokesman of World Jewry today.

Last night a list of Jewish demands and the German views was agreed to in a plenary session of the delegations, which also initialled the areas of agreement.

The leaders of the German delegation have returned to Bonn to discuss the outstanding points with their Government. They are expected back here to resume the talks in two or three days.

"The fate of the conference depends on what answers the German delegation leaders bring back from Bonn on their willingness to make a definite effort to meet our claims," a World Jewry spokesman said.—Reuter.

JAPS TO MAKE ARMAMENTS

Tokyo, Apr. 1.

The weekly Japanese Vice-Ministers' conference has decided upon draft legislation which would permit construction of armaments, according to informed sources today

The reports said that the conference planned to submit to the Cabinet the revision of the existing arms budget, which would permit the building of naval vessels and certain types of armaments and aircraft, subject to Government approval.

The Supreme Command, Allied Powers, recently amended the occupation ban on arms to permit the construction of armaments subject to United States Headquarters approval.—Reuter.

Moslem Nations To Meet

CONFERENCE IN KARACHI

London, Apr. 1.

Several Moslem countries have accepted Pakistan's invitation to attend a conference in Karachi this month to discuss questions of common interest, according to a usually reliable source here today.

The source said that the dates of the conference had not yet been officially made known but he expected the talks to take place this month.

Pakistan has invited the Governments of 12 Moslem nations to send representatives to the conference and these countries are: Afghanistan, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, the Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey and the Yemen.

The conference will consider the setting up of a system of consultation between Moslem nations.

It will not arrive at decisions of policy by votes but will aim at an exchange of views. This would enable each government concerned to take its own decision in the light of the position and views of the other countries.

Should a common pattern of policy emerge concerted action could be taken but again the decision in each case would be that of the government concerned.

GENERAL DESIRE

Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, discussed problems of common interest during his recent Middle East tour.

The discussions were believed to have disclosed a general desire for closer collaboration especially on questions arising from important international developments.

A system of consultation if and when it emerges could enable the representatives of some four hundred million Moslems to discuss at periodic meetings the political, economic and social affairs of member States.

Diplomatic observers here believe that the formation of any system of such consultation would not be inconsistent with the existence of the Arab League or the Arab-Asian bloc at the United Nations.—Reuter.

Heat Wave In Ceylon

Colombo, Apr. 1.

Ceylon's worst heat wave for years has driven thousands of men, women and children in the coastal towns in the south to sleep, stripped to semi-nudity, in the open on the sea beaches.

But there is a new terror. The same heat-wave has driven out poisonous snakes from hiding places in search of water.

INCIDENTS ON INDIAN FRONTIER

Karachi, Apr. 1.

A Pakistani policeman was killed and two wounded while 31 Indian soldiers were taken prisoner in the course of incidents along the Indian-Pakistani border, it was reported here today.

The reports said that the incidents took place on March 26, 27 and 30 between Lahore and Ferozepore.

Indian troops, the reports said, attempted to raid Pakistani territory four miles up a river from Grandasinghwala. The Indians were repulsed by Pakistani frontier guards, the reports added.

Another attempt by Indian forces to enter Pakistani territory was reported to have been repulsed by Pakistani police on March 31.—France-Presse.

ARRESTS IN MOROCCO

Casablanca, Apr. 1.

Five local leaders of the Istiqlal Nationalist Party were among 14 people arrested today at Safi, on the west coast of Morocco, following disturbances last night in which two people were killed and nine others injured.

The clash between Arabs and Europeans occurred when the police detained a Moroccan who was shouting anti-French slogans in the street. One of the two Moroccans killed was a 10-year-old boy.

At Fez, in North Morocco, seven Arabs have been given prison sentences ranging from 18 months to two years for throwing stones at shops.—Reuter.

BLUES SINGER GETS DIVORCE

New York, Apr. 1.

Negro blues singer Pearl Bailey secured a divorce today from her fourth husband John Pinkett, Junior, on grounds that Pinkett "split my skull open with a gun".

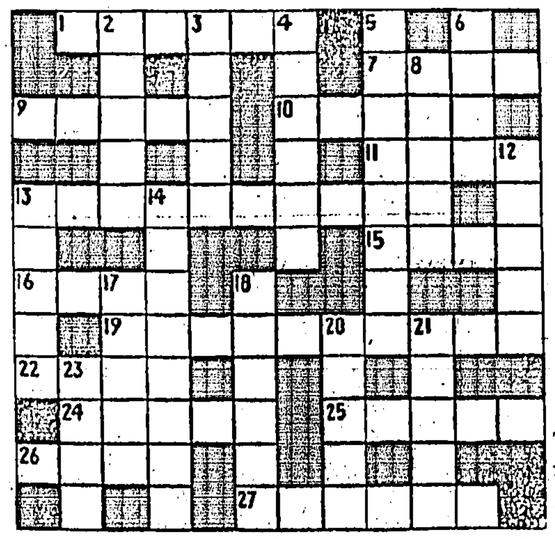
She told a Las Vegas court that Pinkett, whom she married three years ago, also tried to interfere with her career.

Statesman-Author

Oslo, Apr. 1.

Professor Halvaan Koht, the historian who was Norwegian Foreign Minister from 1935 to 1941, has had three books published in the last six months. He will be 79 this summer.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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1 Bespatter (6).
7 Allowing of entrance (4).
9 Blue (5).
10 Despatch (5).
11 Entreaty (4).
13 Out of the question (10).
15 Set in order for publication (4).
16 Pleased (4).
19 Found (10).
22 Black (4).
24 Rub out (5).
25 Scholar (5).
26 Change course (4).
27 A crime (6).

DOWN

2 Stoutish (5).
3 Aids (5).
4 Recluse (6).
5 Whole (8).
6 Measure out (4).
8 Heaped (5).
12 Performed (5).
13 Fireside nook (5).
14 Common (8).
17 Worship (5).
18 Shriek (6).
20 Snake (5).
21 Indian coin (5).
23 Vegetable (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Subdue, 4 Spice, 7 Parody, 8 Loafs, 10 Rota, 12 Attires, 15 Opera, 16 Deep, 17 Tune, 19 Miles, 20 Erected, 21 Dear, 23 Heart, 24 Lentil, 25 Stale, 26 Traded. Down: 1 Separate, 2 Baritone, 3 Undo, 5 Provided, 6 Coffee, 9 Staid, 11 Spectral, 12 Armed, 13 Resented, 14 Sparkled, 18 Urgent, 22 Poor.

Blue-White and Clear

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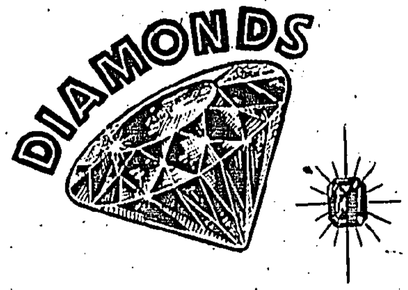

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THE CASH AND I

by GILES

MONEY: Like most people, I was born with none and had to acquire some before I could learn what life was like when it was gone.

Being always more interested in what you can get for it than in the stuff itself, I have never bothered to check up on how much I've got until the amount becomes so small it is very easy to see.

I had a useful indicator that it was time to be accumulating some wealth to provide the necessities of life.

My foot connected with a hot cigarette-end through a little hole in my sole, causing me to leap very high in the air.

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I GO all the way with Jack Hylton's remark that when he is working on a show there are so many problems seething through his mind that the money element really does not enter into it.

It seldom enters mine, and when it does it is always someone else who reminds me that it must sometimes be given consideration. Income tax men are particularly allergic to this weakness of mine.

But if in the past, through lack of interest, I have appeared somewhat slow at paying out, it is to my credit that I am even more slow at gathering it in.

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IF the love of money is not the root of *all* evil it is pretty nearly. For instance:—

SAVE IT and collect a large bank account, and you're a miser.

BLOW IT as fast as you get it, and they'll call you a waster.

IF YOU give it to charity, they'll say you're doing it to save tax. IF YOU don't, they'll say you're mean.

IF YOU die leaving a fortune, all except those who cash in on it will say you were a fool not to have enjoyed it while you were alive.

IF YOU did enjoy it while you were alive, what they'll say when you die leaving nothing couldn't be printed.

IF YOU spend your life buying friends drinks in pubs, you're a "drunk." IF YOU don't you're a "knocker."

Another thing: The more money you collect dishonestly or otherwise the more money you'll have to part with.

Up goes your salary and up goes the size of your car and up goes the size of your garage bills.

Get a bigger house and up the number of week-end visitors and up goes the housekeeping.

Get a better job and higher go the standards you are expected to live up to, so up go the tailor's bills—until you get so rich that to go around with the behind out of your trousers is no longer a sign of poverty but of privilege.

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THEN one day in comes a Government which reduces the cost of living (*just like it said it would before it was elected*), and you're right back where you started—wearing that tattered old suit from necessity. But you won't be the only one.

So taking it all round, there doesn't seem to be any point in worrying about money, because ....*What's that you say, dear?* ....A message from the editor mentioning that after reading all this he has decided to do me a favour by knocking my salary in half?

Oh, I say....Look here.

ALY FINDS OUT WHAT IT'S LIKE

From IAN DUNBAR

Calcutta.

PRINCE ALY KHAN has discovered what it is like to be treated as a god.

Sought by beautiful women the world over, Prince Aly found himself during his recent tour of India, adored by the Koja community—the Muslim sect headed by his father the Aga Khan.

In previous visits to India, Prince Aly has been kept in the background while gold-turbanned devotees prostrated themselves before his famous father.

The Aga Khan, reputed descendant of the prophet Mahommed, is more than his people's leader; he is considered sinless, sacred and above the law.

The Koja community in India, numbering 120,000 is one of the wealthiest in the world. Its members are reputed to possess more jewels than anyone else in India.

Originally an excommunicated Hindu merchant caste in Surat, West India, they were converted to Islam about six centuries ago by Aga Khan's evangelising forefather, who became their mullah or high priest.

The sect spread its business activities with the growth of British power, and today Koja merchant princes direct big trading business in East Africa, Malaya, Burma, Indonesia as well as throughout India.

Read Koran

MOST of the Indian Kojas, however, live around Bombay, where Aly Khan began and hurriedly ended his tour.

Aly visited community gatherings in the West Indian capital and flew by private Dakota to conduct weddings in Baroda and Bombay State. Wearing faultless tropical suitings and a Persian wool cap, he read excerpts from the Koran and accepted fees on behalf of his father ranging from ten to thirty thousand pounds sterling a time.

He is estimated to have collected £100,000 during his eight-day tour. Part of this money he will give to charity.

Unlike the Aga Khan, who has been known to deal sharply with his followers, Prince Aly carried out his duties quietly and without fuss. He did not bid up the bridegrooms' guarantees as the Aga Khan was prone to do.

All Koja bridegrooms pledge big sums on marriage. Divorce is so easy among the Muslims—the husband has only to say "I divorce you" three times before witnesses—that it is necessary for the wife to be well provided for in advance.

At a big Koja wedding the bridegroom usually donates about £50,000. But this was not enough for the Aga Khan at a Calcutta wedding last year. He told the stupefied relatives and guests; "Increase the guarantees or I leave." The perspiring millionaire father of the bridegroom hurriedly offered £70,000. The Aga Khan turned towards the door. A hundred thousand—he paused—one hundred and fifty thousand—the Aga Khan reverently opened the Koran.

Club Together

Poorer members of the community—small merchants in the £1,000 a year class—club together for mass marriages. Two such ceremonies awaited Prince Aly at Madras and Nagpur. Sums were contributed jointly by all the families according to what they could afford.

However, total cost of a big Koja wedding, after the distribution of jewel-studded presents and a week of feasting, is sometimes as high as £100,000.

During Prince Aly's tour a slight hitch developed over the problem of drink. Kojas are teetotal but believe wine turns to water when it touches the Aga Khan's lips. The same applies to his son. The Bombay prohibitionist government did not share this view and Prince Aly officially had a drinkless stay. Stocks had been laid in for him at Nagpur, the only place on his tour where it is still possible to buy liquor.

London Express Service

CHAPMAN PINCHER'S COLUMN

What Makes You Tired

GUNMEN who want to be really quick on the draw should use the little finger for pressing the trigger. It reacts three times as fast as the forefinger when the brain orders it to move, Oxford University psychologists report.

The middle finger is the next speediest, followed by the ring-finger, and thumb, with the so-called trigger finger lying a bad fifth.

A pistol would have to be specially designed to be fired with the little finger. But with a reaction time of only three-tenths of a second compared with nine-tenths for the forefinger it might make all the difference in a pistols-for-two and-coffee-for-one affair.

THE JITTERS

Because the trembling of a frightened rifleman's hand may put him off his target, War Office scientists are trying to find out exactly why we get the jitters.

They have now disclosed discoveries they have made with an ingenious machine built to record the finest finger tremors.

Though you may not notice it, your muscles begin to tremble slightly when asked an embarrassing question, Major Joseph Redfearn reported. A soldier, asked a sex question, recorded a line so wobbly that it looked like a profile of the Himalayas.

But you may also begin to tremble slightly when asked about something in which you are deeply interested.

Tremor disappears when you relax completely. But it comes on when you do any muscular work.

Most trembling time: after lunch.

WASHDAY BLUES

The average housewife's kitchen on washday is as humid and as exhausting as a steaming West African swamp, Dr Guy Crowden claimed.

Dr Crowden recorded washday temperatures and blood pressures. He found that pulse rate slumps rapidly as heat and moisture accumulate in the kitchen.

Few of the women realised that by ventilating the kitchen they could avoid giving themselves a turkish bath while doing the wash.

When Dr Crowden opened windows and doors washday weariness was cut down.

—(London Express Service)

Sitting on the Fence.... by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"In a nudist club you simply forget you have no clothes on. Standards of conversation are higher than outside."—From an article by Dudley Barker.

IN the club smoking-room, a male member is entertaining a male guest.

How do you like it here?

One has to get used to it. What happened to the naked old lady who spilled a plate of scalding soup down herself?

I didn't notice she was naked.

I bet she did. And what about the fat man who dropped an oyster on his nakea stomach and jabbed a fork into it?

Was his stomach naked?

Didn't you hear him yelling? I say, is that somebody on fire in the armchair?

I expect a member has dropped a lighted match on his chest. It frequently happens here. Cigarette?

No thanks. And who was that fine, handsome, Junoesque girl carving chicken at the side table? Head waitress?

You mean the one with the....?

Yes, that's the one. With the....

Um?

Well, you know what I mean.

You mean the one with the rather large flat feet?

I thought you didn't notice things like that in this club?

We are permitted to notice feet.

Growing girl

"My daughter has suddenly shot up to 5ft. 10ins. This has made her awkward in manner as well as movement...."—A mother complaining to a columnist.

DR GUBBINS, the Fleet Street quack, writes:—

Vital details are missing here, which makes it difficult to arrive at an accurate diagnosis.

For instance, we do not know how tall the girl was before she shot up to 5ft. 10ins., or if it happened over a period of a year, six months, or overnight.

The word "suddenly" suggests overnight. If this is so, and the girl was only 5ft. tall the day before, it is probably a case of "Giraffe's Disease," which, although unusual, is not unknown to medical history.

Sometimes the patient grows at a fairly easy pace of about two inches a day, which gives relatives time to get the builders in for structural alterations to the house.

When the patient grows at a greater pace, the situation becomes as fantastic as a page out of "Alice in Wonderland."

There was the case of a girl who grew at the rate of an inch a minute while her startled family was at dinner.

By the time they reached the sweet, her head had shot through the ceiling. Firemen, working feverishly, were able to cut a hole in the roof before her head went through that, too.

Aspirins and hot milk will do no harm, though the best treatment is to remove the patient as quickly as possible to a large building like the Albert Hall.

Three a minute

THE most frightening statistics I have read for a long time state that the population of Japan is increasing at the rate of 1,400,000 every year.

Unless my sums are wrong, this means that three nasty little babies, who will grow into nastier little men and women, are born in Japan every minute of the 24 hours.

What makes it worse, is a report that the custom of committing hara-kiri is dying out. Japanese do not now stick knives in their tummies, unless "they are insulted beyond repair."

This bit of bad news, added to the alleged benefits of advanced medical science and modern sanitation, makes it certain that the majority will survive unless millions of volunteers go out to Japan at once and insult all native adults for hours on end without offering any kind of apology or redress except a carving knife.

Otherwise, the rate of three babies a minute will increase until there are countless hordes either jumping into uniform to murder those who are re-arming them, or staying at home to breed like rabbits and imitate every saleable commodity, from whisky to Easter eggs.

According to a New York message, they have already been cunning enough to supply shillelaghs for St Patrick's Day celebrations in America.

Ideal husband

SO many old men are marrying young women that the time is approaching when women's magazines will be obliged to encourage reader interest by publishing a new version of that old best-seller, "At what age are men most attractive?"

"'Is 90 too young and 105 too old?' is a question I am always being asked by girls contemplating matrimony," a heart-to-heart specialist will be writing before long.

"To all of them I answer, 'Somewhere between the two is the ideal.'

"For, in these days, a man of 90, although too, too attractive with his strong, bristly whiskers and vigorous cough, has all the impetuosity and impatience of youth. Such qualities, however endearing, can be just a teeny-weeny bit trying to a serious-minded girl of 25 who wants to settle down to a quiet home life.

"At that age they are either restless, dragging you out to parties or dances night after night, or given to moping at home because they feel they have been caught in the toils of matrimony too young.

"On the other hand, marriage to a man of 105 has few advantages, except that you know it can't last very long.

"Although, at that age, they will understand you, if they are still capable of understanding anything; and, although you won't have much cooking to do, except soft things like gruel, I think a husband who is usually sound asleep will make your evenings rather eerie.

"Therefore, I think 96 or 97 are the ideal ages.

"Unless abnormal, a man of 97 has had his fling, can still be attractive, if not too hairy, and is still young enough to keep awake till supper time."

—(London Express Service)

Mr Five Percent Is Well Again

By CHARLES FOLEY

Lisbon, Mar. 26.

MR Five Percent is on his feet again. After a secret assassination scare and a three-weeks' battle with pneumonia, the mysterious British oil king, Calouste Gulbenkian, has resumed his way of life once more.

At noon today there was a discreet stir on the first floor patio of Aviz Hotel, where 25 of the world's elite are waited upon by 127 servants. A door opened. Mr Gulbenkian, one of the world's richest men, appeared.

For a moment he peered over the gallery which overlooks the richly-carpeted vestibule with its tapestries and coats of arms. His face was grey. A brown Harris tweed suit hung on his shrunken frame.

Then, step by painful step, 82-year-old Mr Gulbenkian set to work to walk around the gallery, closely followed by a white-coated doctor. He completed the circuit, paused, and walked slowly round once more.

At 3 p.m. he called for luncheon. A flight of waiters carried little tables, spirit lamps and silver dishes to his suite. Mr Gulbenkian likes to see his food cooked under his eyes.

"I am an old man now," he told the chefs who cook specially to please him, "and I am interested in very little beside eating."

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Mr Gulbenkian, however, is still extremely concerned with his multi-million oil holdings. Just before his illness an Iraq oil deal netted him his usual five percent—a total of £750,000 a year.

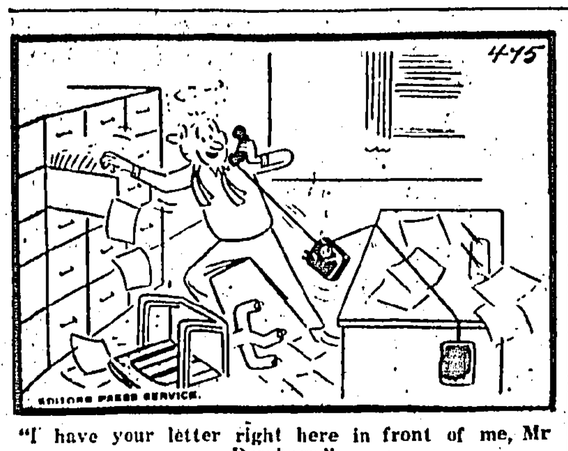
And this evening he called his secretary to dictate a stack of cables to money centres of the world and to examine every detail of his accounts.

Secret police keep close watch on Mr Gulbenkian's safety. Just before his illness a Frenchman eluded the security net, accosted Mr Gulbenkian and warned him that an attempt was to be made upon his life.

He said a group of French Communists were to be dispatched over the border in a week's time to liquidate "The Oil King." Police took the Frenchman away for questioning—he has not been seen since. And the hotel has been put under minute and constant check.

In a dining room a detective sat at the table next to Mr Gulbenkian's corner. Gulbenkian said he could order whatever he liked, then had the mortification of watching his bodyguard selecting the most fabulous dishes and wines for every meal.

Not that Mr Gulbenkian is ungenerous. He has just presented a £250,000 collection of paintings to Lisbon. This is a tiny part of his vast art collections in London, Paris and America — the treasures he owns, but never sees.



"I have your letter right here in front of me, Mr Dearborn."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

CHIEF KUTYASELFA SLISAKAKE, who shares with Wolalolahul the headship of the Kuppakawfee tribe, will read with an answering heart a news item about one of his confreres.

It says: *"Most of his wives do not seem to resent his absence on journeys."*

A few of the sentimental ones sigh over his portrait and tie up his letters with poko-grass. The rest—ah, the fickle remainder!

No sooner is he gone than they tap out on their little drums saucy messages to the young men-about-jungle.

They fill the witch-doctor's hat with stale crocodiles' eggs, they pick holes in sacred trees with spears, they play leapfrog, they shout nonsense at each other.

Then back comes their lord, and finds them all sitting demurely on the ground, paring their nails. The hussies!

Are red-haired women intelligent?

WHERE should we be without the delightful generalisations of science? Someone has discovered that women are twice as fat as men, which is like saying that boys are twice as ill as girls. Yet any statistician can prove either of these statements or any other, by the skilful use of columns of figures. Was it not solemnly announced some time ago that children with brown eyes are more affectionate than any others? I myself once ventured to assert that bachelors under 40 with snub noses make better ironmongers than married men over 30 with large feet. Nobody dared to contradict me. Greatly emboldened, I laid down that married women with tall nieces in Rhodesia were kinder to humans than Dorsetshire bailiffs with rheumatic friends in Penge. This, too passed without a challenge.

They always send for Suet

CHARLIE SUET is said to be drawing up a scheme for multiter price control. By introducing ten or 12 separate price levels it is hoped to bring the profits of small manufacturers more securely within the new dividend limitation. A sliding scale of controls on costs and production will enable the lower levels of price controls to stabilise the gap between their price-limits and those of the higher levels. By fixing prices at a dozen levels instead of at two, the spiral of increasing returns and decreasing output will be reversed, thus allowing a margin of safety until the number of separate price levels can be doubled or even trebled.

Enter a dear little oaf

THAT vast and over-sensitive public which not only blubbers shamelessly at the films, but has to find extra tears every day for the intimate affairs of film actresses, is now called upon to spare the tribute of a sigh for a film actor who has discovered that fame and wealth do not ensure happiness. Fain would I cheer up a sorrowing public with the beautiful story of the tiny golden-haired girl who, intending to bring about a beautiful reconciliation for her beautiful parents, shut them both up in a room with all their former husbands and wives. The beautiful little oaf had got it all wrong, you see. Or was she being satirical?

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Expert Shows You Correct Way to Play

By OSWALD JACOBY

PUT your thumbs over the East-West cards in the hand shown today. Now, with the defending hands blocked out from view, decide how you would play the North-South hands at four hearts.

This is one of my favourite hands from the national tournament held in Detroit especially since it was played successfully by one of my old friends, Lee Hazen, the noted bridge expert and even more noted lawyer.

Lee sniffed the opening club lead and peered painfully at the dummy. One ace and one jack were not very much to work with.

Should he use the ace of diamonds as an entry for a heart finesse or for a spade finesse? Should he try to cash two high diamonds and then ruff a low diamond in dummy?

The trouble with taking a finesse was that it might lose. The trouble with ruffing a diamond was that it might be over-ruffed. There was, however, a safe way to play the hand, and Hazen decided to play it safe.

At the second trick he laid down the ace of hearts and then continued with a low heart. He naturally hoped that this would knock out a doubleton king of hearts, but was satisfied enough when both opponents followed suit on both rounds.

East won the trump trick with the jack of hearts and returned a low club. Hazen ruffed and laid down the ace and king of spades. He hoped to drop the queen of spades doubleton, but was not worried when the queen failed to drop. He merely continued with the ten of spades, forcing out East's queen.

This established dummy's jack of spades. Nothing could prevent Hazen from entering with the ace of diamonds to discard a low diamond on the jack of spades. He lost two trump tricks and a spade, but made his contract.

	NORTH	11
	♠ J852	
	♥ 32	
	♦ A4	
	♣ 98752	
WEST		EAST
♠ 743		♠ Q96
♥ K106		♥ J8
♦ 107652		♦ J3
♣ J10		♣ AKQ643
	SOUTH (D)	
	♠ AK10	
	♥ AQ9754	
	♦ KQ98	
	♣ None	

Both sides vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♣
3 ♣	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♣ J

WOMANSENSE

Spring Bubbles Over

BLOOMING BELINDA: A spring hat that literally blooms is the above model "Belinda" designed by Vernier. Effect is achieved by hanging lilac in coronet style upon a trellis bonnet. *(Reuterphoto)*

SPRING BUBBLES OVER: Spring bursts out in an effervescence of feather flowers, birds and butterflies in this new Madge Chard design in pink champagne. The halo hat is intended for theatre or restaurant wear. *(Reuterphoto)*

Dresses made from gas —and suits from corn

WOMEN'S summer dresses made from gas and men's coats made from corn may be on sale in London shops if experiments go according to plan.

The women's gown material has already been shown at mannequin parades.

It is developed from natural gas and it needs no ironing. It is bleach-proof.

Men who buy the sports coats will be told that the material contains what is claimed to be a substitute for wool. It is derived from corn.

Until experiments are further advanced, this substitute will be blended with wool and nylon in sweaters, coats, and socks.

A Wholesale Textile Association spokesman said: "These goods should be on sale shortly, but probably not in abundant quantities.

"Experiments are still being conducted and until they are completed, it would be difficult to comment on finished products which are made with them."

Many traders feel that there will be no rush for the wool-substitute as long as wool remains plentiful.

—(London Express Service)

THIS OIL IS A GOURMET SECRET

By ALICE DENHOFF

The secret of fine Italian cooking is the clever, varied and constant use of olive oil, an ingredient that gourmets consider indispensable when preparing fine foods.

- One evening we enjoyed a substantial snack, Hot Seafood Sandwiches.

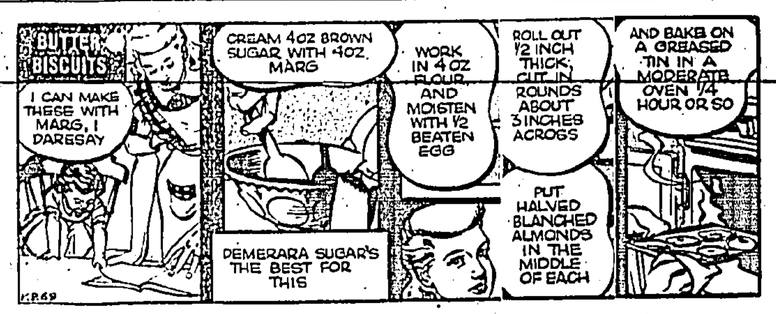
Here's the recipe for 5 sandwiches or 15 of the finger variety.

- Drain a 6½-oz. tin crabmeat or lobster (fresh-picked may be used) removing all particles of cartilage from the flakes. Combine seafood, ½ c. chopped celery, 3 tbsp. mayonnaise, ¼ c. chopped stuffed olives and a few grains pepper. Spread between bread slices. Beat 2 eggs; add one c. milk. Dip sandwiches, secured with toothpicks to keep from coming apart, in egg-milk mixture. Heat 4 tbsp. olive oil (2 tbsp. at a time) in skillet. Saute sandwiches in oil, turning to brown on both sides, adding more oil as necessary. Serve immediately or keep warm in warming oven.

Here is the recipe for a Vinaigrette Sauce, the best we've ever sampled, that gives vegetables such as asparagus, broccoli and artichokes, a new and individual flavour.

- **Vinaigrette Sauce:** Mix tsp. salt, ½ tsp. paprika, ⅛ tsp. pepper, 1½ tsp. dry mustard, ½ tsp. sugar, 3 tbsp. vinegar, 1/3 c. olive oil, tbsp. minced pickles, tbsp. chopped stuffed olives, tsp. chopped onion; beat well. Heat to boiling point and serve over hot vegetables, sprinkling top with hard-cooked egg, chopped fine or forced through strainer, or ¼ c. toasted bread crumbs. It's delicious, too, served cold with cold meats.

- For a really good tart cucumber salad, wash 2 large cukes, scrape or peel; slice very thin. Place in glass or china bowl and sprinkle with salt. Let stand 30 min. or longer, then drain. Combine tsp. salt, 3 tbsp. olive oil, 3 tbsp. white vinegar, ½ tsp. freshly-ground white pepper and tbsp. minced parsley. Pour over cucumbers, mix thoroughly.



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Smokie Can't Put Out Fires

—But He Can Do Something Almost as Important!—

By MAX TRELL

THE Smoke Man rose slowly in a curling, wispy sort of way out of Father's pipe. Father, busy reading his newspaper, scarcely noticed him. But Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children, saw him plainly.

When the Smoke Man was almost completely out of the pipe, Knarf and Hanid saw him give a kick with his legs, then spring into the air. Then next minute he ran (he really ran!) through the air just under the ceiling and headed straight for the window, which was open a few inches from the top.

"Smokie!" called Hanid.

Dived at Them

The Smoke Man looked around, waved to Knarf and Hanid, then he dived (he really dived!) straight for the spot where they were sitting.

It was then that Knarf and Hanid saw for the first time that he was wearing a fireman's hat, and had a long hose wrapped around his arm.

"Hi!" he said, settling down on the edge of the carpet.

"Hi, Smokie!" said Knarf and Hanid.

"Now I suppose," said Smokie without waiting for Knarf or Hanid to ask, "you're wondering why in the world I'm wearing this fireman's hat? And why I'm carrying all this rubber hose? You're just puzzled, eh?"

"Well," replied Hanid quietly, "I guess we were wondering just a little bit. But of course, if you don't care to tell us, Smokie, we'll just have to not know."

"Now just a min—just a sec," Smokie exclaimed chopping off minute and second. "Who said I didn't want to tell you? It's the one thing I am going to do!"

Knarf and Hanid smiled and waited for the excitable Smoke Man to go on.

Old Saying

"Where there's smoke there's fire," Smokie said. "That's an old saying, and you must have heard it lots of times. Now I'm made of smoke, and nobody knows more about fires than I do. So yesterday I got to thinking that since I know so much more about fires than anyone else, I ought to be a fireman."

"But Smokie," said Knarf, "firemen put out fires! You can't do that!"

"No," agreed Smokie, "I can't. But I can do something almost as important. I can give warning about fires almost the instant they start."

"How?" asked Hanid.

"In this way. Suppose someone is careless and starts a fire (and that's how most fires start, by someone being careless). I'm not talking about fires in stoves and ovens and fireplaces and campfires, where fires are supposed to be—but fires in houses, and fires from matches that shouldn't have been lighted or were never blown out.

Fire Begins to Blaze

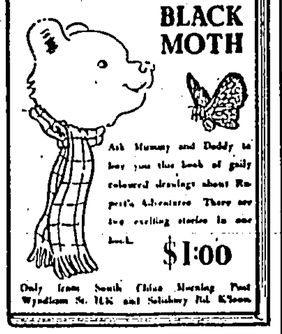
"Well, suppose someone foolishly starts a fire. What happens? The fire begins to blaze. It gets bigger and bigger, and hotter and hotter, and harder and harder to put out. It crackles and burns. It becomes like a terrible wild animal that has burst out of a cage."

Smokie paused for a second to listen, as though he thought he heard something far off, then he shook his head and continued "well, the moment I hear a fire burning somewhere I race over to it. No matter where it is I find it. Then I jump on top of it and wave my arms, and dance and spring and leap. And by and by someone sees me even if he doesn't see the fire—and he shouts, 'Fire! Fire! Look at the smoke!' And then the fire-engines come. It's like being a fire-alarm and—Hey! There's a fire now on the other side of town!"

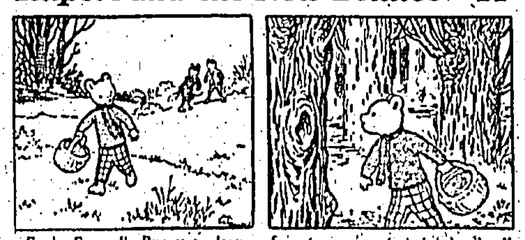
And Smokie fairly shot out of the window and was gone (and he really was gone!).

Smokie was wearing a fireman's hat and had a long hose.

RUPERT and the BLACK MOTH



Rupert and the New Bonnet—11



Ferdy Fox tells Rupert to leave the road and go straight through the wood, and after a moment his brother backs him up. "Yes, that's your best way," says Freddy. "It may save you a lot of time." So, thanking them very much, Rupert sets off. "Those two foxes are curiously helpful today," he thinks. "They're generally too mischievous to be kind to people." He doesn't notice that behind his back the others are chuckling at some joke of their own. At length he enters the wood. "What a gloomy place," he murmurs. "I hope I can get through."

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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

BORN today, you are the rare combination of a practical, constructive individual who also has dramatic talents for creative work. The sphere in which you operate will determine how well these talents are utilised. You might become a writer, an actor, a military strategist or a political theorist! Just so long as your life work calls for the utilisation of an ideal you will find happiness. You are not the type to make a happy routine worker or desk executive. You want too much action.

However, you have perseverance and patience in the face of minor upsets—when your goal is in sight. And once you have reached a single objective, you usually have another ready to shoot at! Your wit and natural charm can be helpful in your career, but you must guard against a talent for caustic criticism which can hurt others.

Your intuitions are strong and you may learn to trust them implicitly. Strangely enough, for anyone as determined as you appear to be, you lack faith in signs and omens. Perhaps this is because one part of your nature rejects that mysterious gift of intuitive insight that you possess. Use it. Depend upon it rather than upon second thought or the advice of others and your success will be faster in coming to you.

Do find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Be helpful as well as sympathetic in a crisis which may come to a close friend today.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Business and financial affairs need careful consideration. Consult your family.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Promises are easily made. Don't count any chickens before they are hatched.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A good time to return social obligations by entertaining a group at your home.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Don't worry about the future. Complete today's job competently; make progress.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A fine shopping day. You should be able to find the bargains you have been hunting.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Responsibilities and duty call for your close attention before turning to personal pleasure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Be self-reliant and you will gain additional confidence in your own capabilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Creative work in the arts is well-favoured today. There's time for romance this evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Write a business letter carefully and you can get what you want through it. Be diplomatic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If disciplining a member of the younger generation, show tact and consideration.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Exert care in handling mechanical equipment. Turn off electric current before making repairs!

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
1 Heart	Double	Pass	?

You, South, hold: Spades K-6-3, Heart 5, Diamonds K-J-8-3-2, Clubs Q-J-6-2. What do you do?

A—Bid three diamonds. This is a fine hand opposite a takeout double. You are willing to stand for three no-trump; you will raise spades if your partner can bid them; or you will go to game in diamonds if your partner raises. If your partner has a reasonably sound double, your side will have a play for some game contract.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades J-10-8-7-4-2, Heart 5, Diamonds 3-2, Clubs K-Q-6-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

INTELLIGENCE TEST

More likely than not

by T. O. HARE

"How do I get to Penny Green?"

"Take a train from the underground station, just round the corner."

"Any train?"

"No, some of the trains run to Shillingstone. But, more likely than not, the next will be a Penny Green train. In fact—let me see—the odds are about five to one on."

"I get you. There are very few trains to Shillingstone?"

"On the contrary. They run alternately with the trains to Penny Green."

"Then you must be familiar with the time-table. There's a five to one chance if I hurry."

"I shouldn't, old man. I know no more about the train times than I've told you."

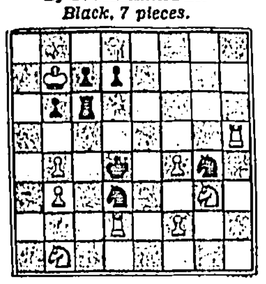
Then why does he say (I asked myself) that the odds are on a train to Penny Green?

(Solution on Page 10)

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. MEKENAUER

Black, 7 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.

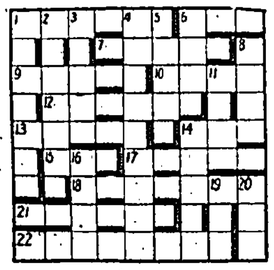
White to play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, B—Kt1, any; 2, Q, R, or Kt (dis ch or dbl ch) mates.

DUMB-BELLS

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Let the hairdresser do it? (6)
4. Such a runner may be in the garden but is not grown. (3)
7. It's a nasty look. (5)
9. Vulgar corruption of a cipher. (5)
10. Where fifty get the chopper. (4)
12. Pick and choose. (6)
13. Qua duck of sorts. (5)
14. Would-be man. (3)
15. This way it suggests. (3)
17. 22 Across is a this to the debutante. (5) 18. Away. (7)
21. What your friend consumed? (6)
22. It may be lint. (8)

Down

1. Operation that lands the commanding officer in a squeeze. (7)
2. One Pimpernel was. (7)
3. Carried on. (5)
4. Life blood of the usurer? (9)
5. Some one must before you can 14 down. (5)
6. This hand is large in writing. (4)
8. Tear. (4)
11. Distasteful to Mrs. Spratt. (4)
14. See 5 Down. (5)
16. Such a man might build a lean-to. (4)
19. Taken for a ride? (3)
20. It's rent would pour in. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1, Archives; 6, Nominate; 8, Supervise; 11, Eli; 12, Leader; 13, Helper; 15, Item; 19, Urns; 20, Aunt; 21, Pans; 22, Steal. Down: 1, Anserine; 2, Roulette; 3, Riflemen; 4, Vavasour; 5, Verse; 7, Tide; 9, Repairs; 10, Seat; 14, Oats; 16, Earl; 17, Tree; 18, Anse.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What animal was the emblem of China in the days of the emperors?
2. What city is the hub of the motor car industry in the United States?
3. What are the four imaginary geographical lines parallel to the Equator?
4. Who is Prime Minister of Japan?
5. Which planet is nearest to Earth?
6. What is the predominant language spoken in Haiti?

(Answers on Page 10)

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YOUNG AND TAY TO CONTEST OPEN SINGLES FINAL AT BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

By "ARGONAUT"

Current title holder Ramon Young and former Colony Champion Robert Tay will contest the final of the Colony's Men's Open Singles title for the 1951-1952 season.

In the semi-finals at St Teresa's Hall last night, Young eliminated University's H. T. Heah, brother of the All-England semi-finalist, after three hard-fought sets, 15-7, 6-15 and 15-8, and Tay had the better of Bill Funk, by 15-5 and 15-8.

Partnered by last year's triple Ladies' Champion, Miss Winnie Cheung, Young entered his second final with a comfortable 15-6, 15-7 win in the Mixed Doubles over Mrs Elvie Tsok and Robert Tay.

HEAH v. YOUNG

All-round stroke play by both players featured the Singles match between H. T. Heah and R. Young, with Heah the more prominent in delicate drop and net shots and Young the superior in forceful hitting and staying power.

Heah held Young to 2-3 in the opening set, but the champion set a whirlwind pace and with strong smashes went on to 7-3 and 9-7. The University undergrad made a strong stand at this stage, keeping Young from scoring with no less than three services. A series of errors by him, however, enabled Young to reel off the six required points with two services.

The second set went to 3-3, when services changed hands five times before Heah found touch with skimming net shots and drops to forge ahead to 7-3 and 9-3. Young pulled up to 9-9 and 6-11, but two good smashes and two errors by his opponent completed the set for Heah at 15-6.

The effects of his second set effort began to tell on Heah's stamina in the third set. Weakness in his low backhand shots gave Young a constant target and from 2-1, the Champion, aided by a series of out shots by Heah, scored 10 points in a row to take a commanding lead of 12-1. Heah could manage just two more points before the set and match point came.

TAY v. FUNK

In the other Singles match, Tay had a surprisingly easier passage than anticipated. Although he sportingly made a strong stand, Funk was evidently not giving of his best in his attempt to reserve his energy for his following Mixed Doubles match.

The Mixed Doubles semi-final saw the combination of Champions Miss W. Cheung and R. Young, too strong for Mrs E. Tsok and Robert Tay.

The winners maintained the offensive with a double-handed attack for the major part of the two sets, and plied a rather off-form Tay with drives and smashes from all directions.

The Junior Ladies' Champion, diminutive Bernadine Remedios, again came out with another creditable performance in the Ladies' Singles semi-final when she extended Senior player Helen Kwong to three sets, 5-11, 11-6 and 2-11.

The handicap in size and strength of hitting power, however, sapped all her stamina, in the second set, leaving her easy prey to the more powerful strokes of her opponent.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Men's Singles

Robert Tay beat Bill Funk 15-5; 15-8.

Ramon Young beat H. T. Heah 15-7; 6-15; 15-3.

Ladies' Singles

Miss Helen Kwong beat Miss Bernadine Remedios 11-5; 6-11; 11-2.

Mixed Doubles

Miss D. Lam and P. Wong beat Miss S. Correa and Bill Funk 15-6; 15-5.

Miss W. Cheung and R. Young beat Mrs E. Tsok and Robert Tay 15-6; 15-7.

TONIGHT'S GAMES
Semi-finals

8.00 p.m.: Mixed Doubles — Miss H. Kwong & W. F. Foo v D. Lam & P. Wong.

8.30 p.m.: Ladies' Singles — Miss Ulian Khoo v Miss S. Correa.

9.00 p.m.: Ladies' Doubles — Miss D. Lam and Miss H. Kwong v Mrs M. Gonsalves & Miss M. Xavier.

9.30 p.m.: Men's Doubles — W. F. Foo & R. Young v R. Tay & K. Y. Tam.

TOMORROW

7.45 p.m.: Ladies' Doubles semi-final—Miss W. Cheung & Miss Ulian Khoo v. Mrs E. Tsoke & Miss S. Correa.

8.15 p.m.: Men's Doubles semi-final—P. Wong & C. K. Lee v. A. Torres Jr. & M. Yanga.

8.45 p.m.: Men's Singles Final—Roman Young v. Robert Tay.

9.15 p.m.: Ladies' Singles Final—Miss U. Khoo or Miss S. Correa v. Miss Helen Kwong.

FRIDAY

8.00 p.m.: Men's Doubles Final—R. Young & W. F. Foo or R. Tay & K.Y. Tam v. P. Wong & C. K. Lee or A. Torres Jr. and M. Yanga.

8.30 p.m.: Ladies' Doubles Final—Miss W. Cheung & Miss U. Khoo or Mrs E. Tsok & Miss S. Correa v. Miss D. Lam & Miss H. Kwong or Mrs M. Gonsalves & Miss M. Xavier.

9.00 p.m.: Mixed Doubles Final—Miss W. Cheung & R. Young v. Miss H. Kwong & W. F. Foo or Miss D. Lam & P. Wong.

9.30 p.m.: Distribution of prizes by Mrs F. H. Kwok.

Rugger Results

London, Apr. 1.

The following were the results of rugger games played today:

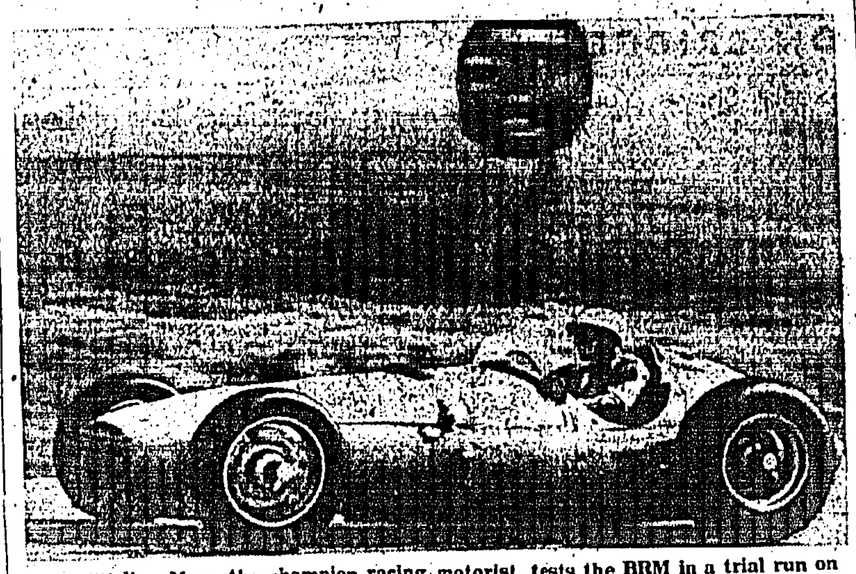
RUGBY UNION

Devonport Services 26, London Hospital 3.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Rochdale Hornets 8, Oldham 22.—Reuter.

TRYING OUT THE BRM



Stirling Moss, the champion racing motorist, tests the BRM in a trial run on the Monya track, Italy, where the British racing car is being tested and prepared in readiness for the motor racing season. — Express Photo.

Epic Cup Final Or Day Of Drama?

By IVAN SHARPE

Beyond the boundaries of Blackburn and Chelsea the public has quite made up its mind that 1952 is to bring the most spectacular Cup Final since the war—Newcastle United, holders, versus Arsenal, candidates for Cup and League.

This is understandable. One of this afternoon's semi-finalists, Blackburn Rovers, have recovered from the worst start in their history, but are still only halfway up the Second Division table, whereas their opponents from Newcastle have a Cup record this season better than anything achieved in the competition in the last 10 or 20 years.

Jackie Milburn is now about the best matchwinner in Europe and, if he has one of his off-days, George Robledo is at hand to get goals just as freely—over 60 between them the score-sheet shows.

FORM AND FROLIC

Blackburn have great faith in Kelly, their Scottish centre half-back. Well, this is the supreme test not only for Kelly but for the whole Rovers team.

Blackburn's hope is that it was the Second Division style of play which brought Newcastle near to defeat at Swansea. But there's a bit more room on the Sheffield Wednesday pitch for Milburn's manoeuvres.

The odds are just as heavy against Chelsea. Their forward play is of the "airy-fairy" style. Often it's nice but leads nowhere.

The Arsenal are big and strong and go-ahead. Theirs is a cut-and-thrust team, with Logie to dance a Scottish reel and slip away a pass like that which suddenly left Liverpool a goal down in the Final tie of 1950. Arsenal seem to be just the team to flay Chelsea just as Newcastle, on their day, can flay anybody. THAT'S WHAT FORM SAYS.

Don't forget, though, that this is the unpredictable competition: Leicester's semi-finalists had as small a chance at Arsenal Stadium three years ago, yet defeated Portsmouth when the double event was well within reach; Blackburn Rovers, nursing relegation worries, humbled Huddersfield Town at Wembley in 1928 when the Yorkshire club was heading for the double and had just contributed five players to the England-Scotland match; Chelsea, with level luck, would have beaten Arsenal in the semi-final at Tottenham two years ago. Remember, this is the CUP....

PENAL CODE

Quite a few people in the football world are expecting news from the FA Disciplinary Committee. The delay is surprising. Meantime, it is the Irish FA who are proposing to act along the lines of my suggested penal code of March 2.

On Thursday, at Belfast, the Senior Clubs' Committee will consider a scale of punishment on these lines:

Five cautions indicating "a persistent PETTY offender — 2 guineas fine.

Same player subsequently sent-off for (A) ungentlemanly conduct—2 gns. fine and 2 weeks' suspension.

(B) for deliberate foul—3 gns. and 4 weeks.

(C) for striking—5 gns. and 4 weeks.

(D) for striking referee or linesman—5 gns. and 12 weeks.

The list continues and increases in severity. I am all for it. A player five times cautioned is fortunate only to be fined. But the Irish players, of course, are part-time professionals.

The player with three cautions inside two years in England's Football League should receive three weeks' suspension. It's time to catch-up with the regular offenders. Everyone in football knows who they are....

GRAVEYARD?

Can England score their fourth successive International Championship victory at Hampden Park and so share the title with Wales? The records say it's almost impossible as this is the ground where England won only once between 1904 and 1938. The hat-trick now achieved at the graveyard is surely as much as the ghosts will stand.

Football's funny. Running over the England prospect a fortnight ago I named as the likely eleven for Glasgow: Merrick; Ramsey, Eckersley; Wright, Froggatt, Dickinson; Finney, Shackleton or Morris, Milburn, Pearson and Rowley. Yes, that left wing was a Spotlight speculation based on scoring power.

Then I go to see the Manchester United men play against the Wolves, and this left wing of forty-odd goals is lethargic, comparatively lifeless. "Tired," I think, and openly say this form won't get them near Glasgow.

"WE'RE IN!"

Next day the Selection Committee, meeting over in Dublin, put them into their trial team!

Delighted, I hope they prove that my hint to the selectors was justified. In form they can certainly make the grade. They can harass George Young, the big full-back and Scottish captain, who has generally proved a stumbling-block to Tom Finney. So it may be better to play the Preston man on the opposite wing.

The other problem player is the young fella-my-lad at Sunderland. In these International Championship matches I am not so worried about victory as some people so long as the standard of play is a good advertisement for the game, hence I vote Shackleton right worthy of his Scottish cap. It would be nice to show 130,000 Scotsmen that England can produce a player with all the tricks and some of the fun and frolic of Tommy McInally.

SHARPE SHOOTING

A firm making the white ball has tried 163 processes to prevent the surface cracking . . . and still isn't satisfied.

I command this thoroughness to England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland when the new ball is considered by the International Board.

Confusion is common. A Third Division manager recently told the referee that he wished to use the white ball from the kick-off.

"There's nothing in the rules and regulations to say you can do it," said the referee.

"And there's nothing to say I can't," was the reply.

FA CUP REPLAY

London, Apr. 1.

Some works at Blackburn will close tomorrow so that their employees can attend the FA Cup semi-final replay between Blackburn Rovers and Newcastle United at Leeds!—Reuter.

P.L. Holmes Wins HKCC Tourney

In the final of the Club Singles of the Hongkong CC Tennis tournaments played at Chater Road yesterday, P.L. Holmes defeated R.M. Macpherson 6-3, 6-2, 6-1. The match was played off during the luncheon interval.

Pritchard and Athy beat Hooton and Bendall 4-6, 6-2, 6-0; Gould and Agafuroff beat Alexander and Johnson, 6-2, 6-1.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

The programme for to-day is as follows:

Club championship doubles final: Mr and Mrs Armstrong v Mr and Mrs Pratt; Macpherson and Miss Gomersall v Kite and Mrs Tamworth; Macwhinnie and Highley v w/o Martin and Coshead v Deighton and Pratt; Pilaud v w/o Dow v Lemay.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Attention is drawn to the following regulation regarding admission to the Public Enclosure on race days, effective as from 1st April, 1952:—

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be $8.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies, and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of $3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

No re-admission tickets will be issued in future.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Easter Race Meeting 1952 to be held on Saturday 12th and Monday 14th April, 1952, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 3rd April, 1952.

By Order,
H. Misa,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

EASTER RACE MEETING

Saturday, 12th & Monday, 14th April, 1952

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.)

There are twelve races each day (24 in all).

Through Tickets at $48.00 each may be obtained at the Compradore Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at $2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting on 14th April as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 11th April, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong
or
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

MEMBERS ARE INFORMED THE 1952 SETS OF MEMBERS AND LADIES' BADGES NOW SUPERSEDE THE PREVIOUS ISSUE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices, the Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be $3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies, and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of $3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

No re-admission tickets will be issued in future.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

NOT NEAR ENOUGH TO THE SPIRIT OF THE RULES

By "STICKS"

I write this week with an appeal for better sportsmanship in hockey. Let us remember that hockey is one of the last purely amateur games in this material world of ours.

There are signs that Hongkong hockey is tending dangerously near to sticking too close to the letter and not near enough to the spirit of the rules, and thereby resorting to some rather doubtful expedients.

The most blatant case is the Argonauts Club, who are concentrating on winning the Second Division Championship, at the expense of their First Division team, and appear to be on the point of succeeding.

The team they now field in the First Division is not a shadow of the team that, on their home ground, played Recreio "A" to a draw.

On the same ground the Army "A" team and also the Navy team wiped the floor with the Argonauts "A" by the same wide margin of 5-0. The reason for this is not far to seek, as of the team that faced Recreio "A" either five or six players are now playing for the "B" team, and on studying the registration of players we find that most of them are "B" team registered players, so that by the letter of the rules, but not by the spirit, the Argonauts are in the right.

However if they do win the Championship, it will not be a popular win, as sportsmanship is one of the qualities which is appreciated in this colony.

UNPLEASANT PROBLEM

Another rather unpleasant problem that came into prominence over the week-end is the status of servicemen who are members of civilian teams. I may say that the only service in question is the Army.

The case in point is that of James, the Argonauts' centre-forward, whom the Army have commandeered and applied for transfer, though this transfer has not yet been confirmed by the Council.

James was in the unfortunate position on Saturday of playing against his own club and there was no doubt that his heart just wasn't in the game. At the time of the transfer both Army "A" and Argonauts "A" were both in close competition for the second position in the First Division.

The question now posed is whether the HKHA should allow a player to be forced, by Army discipline, to play for a team other than he is registered in. Apart from the League point of view, this is surely an interference with the freedom of the individual, and therefore, from all points of view, intolerable, and I suggest that the Army should not be allowed to enter the League under these conditions.

Let them enter 14 names for each team in the same way as any other club in the League, and let the other army hockey players join what clubs they want. As things stand I believe that the Army immobilises several scores of players because they might want to call on them.

The object of the HKHA is to encourage hockey in the colony, not to ensure that the Army team has as good a chance of winning the League Championship as possible. This win-at all-costs attitude is not, I hope, a normal attribute of Army hockey.

WEEK-END SURPRISES

The hockey last week-end produced some surprises, with the HKAAF making the most amazing upset by beating a full Dutch HC team by 3-0. The Navy excelled even their most confident supporters by winning 5-0 over the Argonauts.

In the Ladies' League, the Gremlins "A" played their last League match of the season to win the match and the Championship by the very narrowest of margins, the winning goal being scored by the Gremlin secretary, Marie Meikle, in the last five minutes of the game.

A real crowd thriller was the "Argonauts B"(?) v Recreio "B" match. Being on the Argonauts' home ground, as usual the home team had matters mainly their own way for the first half, changing over with a 3-1 lead. In the second half, Recreio managed to get the measure of the ground, and they pressed so continuously that it was just a matter of time before they scored, and it looked as if it was a question of whether full time or the equaliser would come first, when the Argonauts broke away and netted the ball to make the final score of 4-2.

WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following is the week-end League Hockey programme.

Ladies' League

University vs Dorians at University at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: QMSI Day, R. Souza.

Little Flowers vs Victorians at KGV at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: W.O. II Copeland, Yeo. Penson.

First Division

HKHC vs Recreio "A" at RN 2 at 11.00 a.m. Umpires: Lt. K.G.M. Smith, F. Sgt. Leigh.

Thunderbolts vs. University at RN 1 at 10.30 a.m. Umpires: F. Sgt. Aldridge, Sgt. Davies.

Second Division

Aces vs. YMAC at Sookunpoo at 10.30 a.m. Umpires: Makhan Singh, B. Gurevitch.

Nomads vs. Argonauts "B" on RN 2 at 9.30 a.m. Umpires: Yaqub Khan and W.O. 1 Letori.

Recreio "B" vs. Dutch HC at Recreio at 10.30 a.m. Umpires: J.C. Marcel, A. Aziz Malik.

Army "B" vs. Nau Jawan at Sookunpoo at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: G. T. Palmer, Krishin Lall.

Max Faulkner To Play In Hongkong

Max Faulkner, the British Open Golf Champion and Ryder Cup player, will give an exhibition of his prowess at Fanling on Easter Saturday, April 12.

Faulkner has accepted an invitation of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club to play here and will stop in Hongkong on his way home from his Australian and New Zealand tours.

Local golfers will be eagerly looking forward to seeing the British Champion in action. On his way out to Australia Faulkner paid a visit to Ceylon, where he was an enormous success.

A letter received from Ceylon by a local golfer says, "Not only is he (Faulkner) a first class player—his Golf Clinic was very interesting—but as a raconteur he is one of the finest performers I have heard for many a day."

While playing in Ceylon Faulkner established a new Royal Colombo Golf Club professional record, with a round of 66.

He also delighted the large crowd at the Ridgeway Course with a demonstration of his Golf Clinic, which included every shot in the game.

AUSTRALIAN TOURNAMENT

Max Faulkner played last week in the McWilliams Wines Tournament at the Australian Golf Club in Sydney which was won by the Australian, Norman von Nida. Faulkner failed to finish among the first three.

He will return to the United Kingdom to play in the 2,000 guineas Dunlop tournament at Sunningdale at the end of this month. He is one of 15 specially invited professionals for the Round Robin tournament in the United States in June but he will return to Britain to defend his Open Championship on the Lytham and St Anne's course from July 7 to 12.

Just who Faulkner will play against in Hongkong has not yet been announced by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, but it is expected that he will play at least one round against the Colony Champion, Captain Peter Smith.

Local enthusiasts will be interested in seeing how the British Champion will fare over the bone dry Fanling courses with their granite hard greens and scanty fairway after playing in more verdant venues.

FANLING GOLF

A.D. Duffy, with a score of 1 up, won the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Bogey Pool played over the New Course at Fanling last week-end.

The annual match between England and Scotland, which was played at Fanling on Sunday, resulted in a win for Scotland by 29 points to 20¼.

In the morning round singles, the Scots gained a commanding lead of 17 points to 7¼. In the afternoon 4-ball games, England beat Scotland by 13 points to 12, which was not enough to make up for the morning loss.

Americans Beat Sing Tao

The visiting American table tennis team, who had earlier arrived by air from Saigon, defeated the Sing Tao team by 4-1 in the first of a series of exhibition games played at Southorn Playground last night.

The results were:

D. Courtland beat Cheng Kwok-wing 20-22, 21-16, 21-17 and 21-13.

Chung Chu-ming beat M. Heisman 21-13, 21-14 and 21-12.

D. Courtland beat Chung Chu-ming 21-19, 21-13 and 21-13.

M. Heisman beat Cheng Kwok-wing 21-16, 13-21, 14-21, 21-13 and 21-19.

PORTRAIT OF AN INTELLECTUAL AT HOME

By JOHN WATERMAN

RIPON, Yorkshire, Saturday.

WHAT is this sound that follows me through the narrow streets of Ripon? It says: "Freebooter, Freebooter, I fancy Freebooter....he's done it before....he can do it again."

In the little saloon bars, shadowed by the grey towers of the minster, pink - cheeked farmers say it. The taximan says it. A housewife by the butcher's is saying it. What, who is this Freebooter?

The answer is a mile or two south along the broad green dale. You go along winding lanes to a house called Ox Close, set above a leisurely sweep of the River Ure.

Here lives Mr "Bobby" Renton, a lean, merry-faced man. He trains more than 20 racehorses. Among them is Freebooter, a tall 11-year-old bay gelding, owned by Mrs L. Brotherton. Freebooter won the Grand National two years ago. He had another attempt last year and failed through bad luck. Coming over the first fence he landed across a horse which had fallen. This year he tries again. At present he is second favourite at odds of 100-7 against.

The reason for his popularity—and his short price—is his brilliance in past performances at Aintree. The obstacles there are higher, tougher than any in the country. The 4½-mile course has 30 fences and ditches beset with traps. Yet Freebooter has won there on four occasions, including his 1950 Grand National, and has been second twice.

THE NAME IS—

FREEBOOTER

OWNER Mrs. L. Brotherton

TRAINER Mr. Bobby Renton

THE IDOL

Yet he receives no preferential treatment at home. But his trainer admits, with a smile: "He's the idol of the stable. Among the stable boys there just isn't another horse like him."

Ask where to find him and you are directed: "The first box on the left." It is like every other box on the south side of the yard, with a black-tarred door.

Freebooter's day begins about 8 a.m. He goes out with the rest of the string, which includes another Grand National candidate, Lady Grimthorpe's S'arlit Bay. He exercises for an hour and a half or two hours. Then he returns—to rest. "Rest is the main thing," says Mr Renton.

His feed is the same as that of his stable companions. He eats about 12-14lb. of oats a day. It costs six guineas a week to keep him.

About Freebooter's character I talked for a long time to his trainer in the low, comfortable lounge of Ox Close (its walls lined with sporting prints—"Symptoms of a Skurry in a Fewy Country," "The First Ten Minutes Shaking Off the Cocktails").

Said Mr Renton, "He's a very sensible animal. An intellectual sort, if you like. He's easy to handle, a good feeder. Some horses, you know, fret easily and don't settle down to their feed."

What are his chances in the Grand National this year?

Earlier this week there were rumours that he would not run. He appeared stiff after a fall in the Cheltenham Gold Cup. But his gallop on Tuesday morning restored confidence.

Because of his reputation, the handicapper has set him to carry more weight than any other horse—12 stone 7lb. That is a heavy impost, and there is a saying that over the Grand National course "every pound over 12 stone counts double." Not since 1919, when Poethlyn won, has such a great weight been shouldered to victory.

Also, Freebooter is trying to succeed for a second time. Only four horses have done this. Reynoldstown was the last, winning in 1935 and 1936.

But trainer Renton is not worried by Freebooter's handicap weight. He says: "12-7 is a lot, I know. But it's not as if he's never carried the weight before. He's used to it. And it's not as if he's a small horse that would find it a great burden. He has a good chance."

Then he added with a smile: "But the Grand National is such a chancy race—almost a freak race. It's unlike any other."

There you have reason why people enter horses for the Grand National and why people bet on it. They think they have a chance despite the fact that most bookmakers will lay odds of 4 to 1 against any horse completing the course, let alone winning. And despite the stories of past Nationals—the story of Rubio, winner in 1908, who was said to have previously pulled the station van at Towcester; the story of Shaun Spadah who came home winner in 1921 the only finisher out of 32 starters; the story of Tipperary Tim, palpably slow and broken-winded, who won in 1928 because he was so far behind the field that he avoided the spills at the fences.

GREATEST OF ALL?

At 3.15 on April 5 there will be many binoculars trained on the blue - and - white colours worn by jockey James Power on Freebooter. As the tapes whip up and Power charges his way with the great rainbow-coloured horde to the first fence, many thousands of hearts will be with him. For if Freebooter wins he will be acclaimed as the greatest Aintree chaser of all time.

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST TURF LOTTERY

London, Apr. 1.

The Grand National, often described as the "world's greatest turf lottery", is to be contested by some 50 steeple chasers over the historic Aintree course at Liverpool on Saturday.

These doughty fencers will have the usual 30 jumps to leap in their passage of four and a half miles. More than a quarter of a million people will go to Liverpool from all over the world to be present at this unique race, though the majority of them will not see much of the running.

For years, ever since the days of broadcasting, this event has been on the air and listened to by millions the world over who have no opportunity of going to watch.

This year, owing to the question of copyright, there may be no broadcast—a bitter blow for many racing enthusiasts not only in Britain but overseas.

A small indication of what this means to fans overseas may be seen in the fact that a friend in Nova Scotia has written to me deploring the fact that this year for the first time for many years he will not be able to listen in.

Judging by the cold blast which this week-end has unexpectedly come to Britain, the race may be run, if it is run at all, with snow on the ground even though it is taking place later in the year than is customary.

This will bring back memories of the famous races of the new century when 51 years ago Gredon took the prize in the whitest of all Grand Nationals.

QUESTION OF LUCK

The fences are stiff enough without having the weather to contend with. Last year all but two of the 36 runners came down and conditions were comparatively good.

Since the last war 262 horses have contested the six Grand Nationals and only 59 have finished the course, some of them having fallen and been remounted. It is likely to be much the same story this year.

Finding the Grand National winner is all a question of luck. One can ignore those tipsters who profess to know "a good thing" for the race. It does not exist.

The winner is the horse which can escape all the many troubles going. The ability of the horse, the skill of the jockey and the weight allocated by the handicapper all play their part but the "leading lady" who dominates the whole performance is "Lady Luck."

For the first time for many years the race lacks a colourful favourite. There is usually some horse like Prince Regent, Easter Herd, Golden Miller, last year's Arctic Gold and many more before them, which captures the imagination of the crowd and the money of the punters.

SPARKLE MISSING

It would, of course, be said that Freebooter, winner of the 1950 race, comes into this category but hardly so.

Indeed, he may not even start favourite, though the expert jockey, Bryan Marshall, is on his back, and he has been going extremely well in his latest gallops.

His fall last year, early in the race, can be forgiven for he was brought down.

But some of the sparkle that made him such a brilliant chaser two years ago has been missing in his last two races. He also has to carry the crushing burden of 12 st. 7 lbs., a weight which has not successfully been carried since 1919 when Peethlyn won.

His chief market rival is the Irish horse, Royal Tan, an eight-year-old gelding which finished second in the more Nickel Coin last year.

Royal Tan has won at Cheltenham this year and has the same Irish amateur, Mr "Phonsie" O'Brien, who piloted him safely round the course last year. His weight of 11 st. 7 lbs. means that he has seven more pounds to carry than last year.

Nickel Coin is not contesting the race next Saturday, but in addition to Freebooter there is another winner in the field in Russian Hero, who scored in 1949 at Odds of 66 to one.

In common with most Grand National winners, he has not shown that form since and though partnered by the winning jockey, Larry McMorrow, he does not inspire the same confidence as his younger stable companion, Royal Stuart, also trained in Cheshire by George Owen.

LOCAL HOPE

Royal Stuart, by Tartan, the sire of Royal Tan, is a nine-year-old with a good chance of success. He wants for nothing with Tim Brookshaw on his back and only last year he won the Molyneux chase over part of the National course.

He is one of the local hopes, for not only is he trained near the course, but is also owned by the "Laird of Liverpool", Lord Leverhulme.

His age inspires confidence in him, for five of the last six National winners have been nine-year-olds. The last four races have been won by horses of this age.

There are 11 other probables of the same age in next week's race. They are Skyreholme, Another Delight, Pearly Prince, Legal Joy, Tavoy, Uncle Barney, Irish Lizard, Inter-Alia, Icy Calm, St. Kathleen and Travellers' Pride. The winner might well come from this dozen.

Of the batch just mentioned, Skyreholme and Travellers' Pride are a pair of the quartet which the Yorkshire trainer, Neville Crump, is sending to the post in a bid for a second National victory. His other two are Teal and Wot No Sun.

The stable jockey who won this race for Crump on Sheila's Cottage in 1948, Arthur Thompson, has elected to ride the 10-year-old Teal, who will very nearly start favourite. Dick Francis rides Skyreholme, Laurie Stephens Travellers' Pride and P. Chisman Wot No Sun.

Though the amateur is up on Wot No Sun he may well prove to be the pick of the quartet. Amateurs have a good record in the race and Chisman is an extremely able rider. Wot No Sun was runner-up to Freebooter two years ago and three years ago was going well when he came down eight fences from the finish.

Last year he did not compete. He carries only five more pounds than when he was second.—Reuter.

THREE EX-WORLD CHAMPIONS OFFER OLYMPIC HELP

By GEORGE WHITING

Randolph Turpin, Freddie Mills and Terry Allen are all willing to put their services at the disposal of Britain's Olympic Games amateur boxers this summer—not necessarily as teachers, trainers or coaches, but as men who have achieved the highest honour attainable in their profession.

Turpin, Mills and Allen may or may not be experts in the arts of imparting boxing knowledge, but they have all won world championships—and that fact alone would ensure them a respectful hearing by any ambitious amateur.

Until a few weeks ago, any suggestion of Olympic aspirants being allowed within earshot of professionals would have been regarded as treasonable—and may still be so regarded within the inner hierarchy of the ABA.

Yet, since the ABA and the BBB of C have now admitted—albeit cautiously—official recognition of each other's existence, the idea of Olympic co-operation may not seem quite so ridiculous after all.

'KEEN AND GRATEFUL'

Mr J. Onslow Fane, Board of Control chairman, let it be known this week that during lunch with ABA representatives he had put forward this suggestion of the pros lending the Helsinki boys a hand. He also mentioned that the ABA attitude to the proffered assistance had been "keen and grateful."

But Mr J. O. McIntosh, combining the twin functions of chartered accountancy and the honorary secretaryship of the ABA, took refuge in Scottish caution when I sought confirmation of his association's keenness and gratitude.

"There are possibilities, but nothing definite has been done," he said.

Maybe not—but here's hoping those ABA representatives were paying something more substantial than lip service when they listened over lunch to the BBB of C gesture.

FRIENDLY HINT

The ABA clubs have their own instructors, amateur and professional, available as Olympic coaches. Nobody suggests that such stalwarts as, say Alf Gallie and Len Brooker, should be superseded. But a friendly hint or two from active or recently active professional champions would surely not come amiss. It might even help.

Turpin and Allen have told me through their managers that they would be more than willing to lend a hand — and Allen goes further....

Any amateur fly-weight or bantam who fancies it may drop in at Allen's quarters at Brighton. No liberties taken and no ABA rules broken.

AGE-OLD PREJUDICE

Freddie Mills jumped at the idea. "It is surely time!" he told me, "that everybody pocketed their pride and got together on this Olympic business. Count me in."

Unfortunately, age-old prejudice is not easily mellowed. Nevertheless, it is worth remembering that we have not won an Olympic boxing title for 28 years. With that melancholy record on their conscience the ABA have every cause to be "keen and grateful" for all the help they can get.

Whether we like it or not, several members of our Olympic team will eventually be turning professional — just as Jack Gardner, Don Scott, Johnny Wright, Ron Cooper, Tommy Proffitt and Henry Carpenter did after the 1948 Games at Wembley.

So what harm could there be in a little fraternisation before Helsinki, instead of after? It could be controlled, and I am sure the ABA escutcheon would remain unsullied.

—*(London Express Service)*

MR WINTERBOTTOM ASKS FOR COMMON SENSE IN REFEREEING

By ARCHIE QUICK

An appeal to football referees to make common sense interpretations of the Soccer laws rather than literal ones has just been made by Mr Walter Winterbottom, coach and manager of England's International teams.

Mr Winterbottom particularly emphasised the new obstruction rule, the offside rule and the "advantage" rule. "Some referees are using the obstruction rule in a cowardly manner," he said.

"They shield behind it when here is a penalty kick doubt. A good referee knows whether a penalty kick or an indirect free kick should be awarded, but many are not using courage and the obstruction rule is being used as an excuse."

WHY OFFSIDE?

The England manager said he had noticed that more and more players were being given offside when they received the ball when, in fact, they were onside when the pass was delivered to them.

He said he was all in favour of linesmen helping referees—that was why they were there—but he was afraid a lot of linesmen were taking too many liberties and attempting too much control.

Mr Winterbottom thinks the "advantage" rule gives the referees his greatest licence, and it is up to him to exercise it judiciously.

If a player handles but an opponent retains the ball and is in an advantageous position then it is the referee's duty to let play continue. Similarly, if in the penalty area a defender fouls, but an attacker scores, then it should be a goal, not a penalty.

Upon the subject of coaching Mr Winterbottom defends his blackboard system in the face of some criticism. He meets the point that blackboard methods do not allow for the moves of the other side with the comment: "The FA system of coaching is based on the possible strategies of the other side. Blackboard tactics provide for such exigences at the same time teaching the skills and arts of the game."

Jimmy Carter Defends Title Tonight

Los Angeles, Apr. 1.

Jimmy Carter makes his second world lightweight title defence tomorrow night and was favoured today to handily whip a rugged little hombre from south of the border who will have the local vocal support.

But that is about all the backing that beetle-browed Lauro Salas is receiving in his 15-round title quest. However, all concerned concede that it should be a terrific brawl.

Never knocked out in his lengthy career, the 25-year-old imported boxer from Mexico, who is California Featherweight Champion, gives away "mucho" pounds.

"I think I'll ween", says the little Mexican, who came north in 1947.

"Believe me, if determination, guts and condition will win a fight, we have got it won," summed up Salas' co-manager, Roger Leighton.

Carter, the 24-year-old New York campaigner who took the title from Ike Williams on May 25, 1951, says only, "I'm ready."

Both boys polished off their training yesterday with abbreviated sparring matches in the local gym.—United Press.

KCC BOWLS

In preparation for the coming lawn bowls league season, a practice roll-up will be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club next Sunday, April 6, starting at 3. p.m. It is hoped that all members who have indicated their desire to play in the league this summer will turn up for this first practice of the season.

Irishmen Wanted

F/Lt Wilson is arranging a trial match to select an Irish team for the International Hockey Tournament. Any Irishman wishing to take part is asked to contact him at Kai Tak (Tel. 58071).

Special Guard For Royal Tan

Tipperary, Apr. 1.

A special detective will guard Royal Tan, a 100-8 favourite for Saturday's Grand National, when he leaves the training stables here for Liverpool tomorrow night.

His trainer, M. V. O'Brien, said today, "He will be guarded from the moment he leaves here to be stabled on Haydock Park Racecourse and during the journey to Liverpool on Saturday morning."

Royal Tan finished second in the Grand National last year. He was then owned by Madame M. Keogh.

He now carries the colours of J. H. Griffin who bought him last November. Mr Griffin, who has been a racehorse owner for about one year, said today, "I think Royal Tan has a great chance. He acts in any sort of going."—Reuter.

TODAY'S SPORT

Rugby

Annual match between Club XV and Wayfoong on Club ground, Happy Valley, 5.15 p.m.

Soccer

1st Division. — Army v Sing Tao, Sookunpoo, 5.20 p.m.

3rd Division: — C & W v University, Navy "I" Happy Valley, 5.20 p.m.

Fencing

Colony Fencing Championships at European YMCA, Kowloon, commencing 7 p.m.

Badminton

Colony Open Championships at St Teresa Church Hall, Kowloon, commencing 7 p.m.

Snooker

Colony Championship — Lau Hungchu v S. F. Pong at Club Lusitano, Hongkong, 5.30 p.m.

Billiards

Colony Championship — C. L. Chu v C. C. Lam at Club Lusitano, Hongkong, 9 p.m.

Lawn Tennis

Hongkong Cricket Lawn Tennis Tournament at Chater Road.

Meetings

Annual General Meeting of Victoria Recreation Club at Clubhouse, 8.30 p.m.

American Olympic Basketball Trials

New York, Mar. 31.

Kansas, National Collegiate Athletic Association champions, came from behind for a 70-65 victory over La Salle tonight to reach the final of the Olympic basketball tournament along with the Caterpillar Diesels of Peoria, Illinois.

The Diesels defeated Phillips Oilers 64-50.—United Press.

COLONY FENCING CHAMPIONSHIP

The following reached the finals in the Foils Pool of the Colony Fencing Championship held at the European YMCA last night:

J. Ozorio, YMCA; Maj. Cowley, RNF; SSF Coady; APTC; Marcal; L/Bdr Berry, 23 Fd RA; G.J. Ozorio, RHKDF; Hudson; K.W. Tong, CYMCA.

The quarter finals of the Sabre competition will be held in the European YMCA at 7 p.m. to-night.

Billiards & Snooker Semi-finals

Colony Snooker and Billiards Championship semi-finals were played at Club Lusitano last night.

In the best of seven frames snooker encounter, A. P. Peroira beat Percy Hui by 4-1.

In the 700-up billiards game, S. F. Pong beat J. E. Medina by 700-530.

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1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1951, and the Auditors' Report thereon.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1951.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 21st March, 1952, to the 3rd April, 1952, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. B. S. THOMSON,
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Hongkong, 12th March, 1952.

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Workers Not Too Old At 60

London, Apr. 1.

An appeal has gone out from the Ministry of Labour for "a radical change of outlook" on the age at which men and women ought to give up work.

It calls on employers and unions to scrap arbitrary rules enforcing retirement at a fixed age.

So pressing is the need for all available labour, says the Ministry that no one who is fit and willing to work should be idle.

The Ministry do not attempt to answer the question of what, in these days, should be the normal span of working life. But they urge that the present normal retiring ages of 65 for men and 60 for women should be revised.

The Government drive to retain more older workers in employment began when Mr R. A. Butler, the Chancellor, abolished the too-old-at-60 rule in the Civil Service.

BIRTHDAYS

Local authorities, the nationalised industries, and other official or semi-official bodies have been asked to reconsider their retirement rules. And now Sir Walter Monckton the Minister of Labour is pressing private employers and trade unions to take action.

A leaflet setting out Government policy is being widely distributed. It states: "It is not possible to define an older worker in terms of the number of birthdays he has celebrated.

"There is evidence that continuance in employment helps in the retention of health and active fitness. The break in the normal routine on retirement often results in physical and mental ageing."

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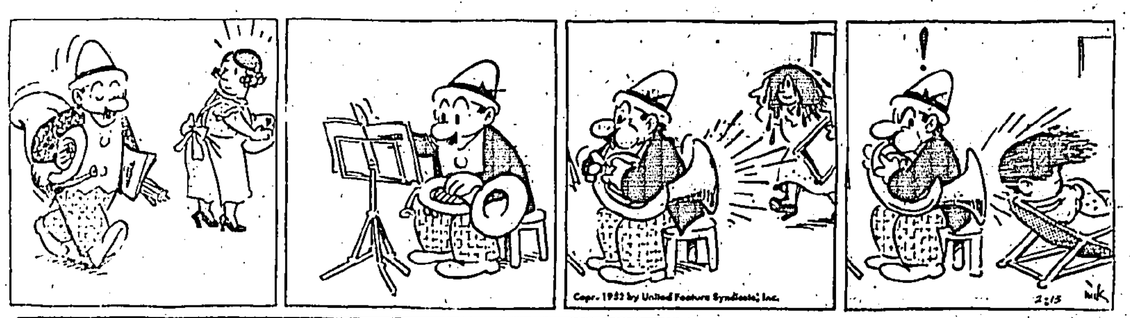

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STATUS OF OCCUPATION FORCES

London, Apr. 1.

British Commonwealth countries will this week transmit their views to Washington on the position of their troops stationed in Japan after the Japanese peace treaty comes into force, a reliable source said today.

A working party of officials of some of the Commonwealth Missions in London has during the last few days been considering the position of Commonwealth troops in Japan after the peace treaty becomes effective.

The talks have been attended by the representatives of Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa (all these have combatant forces in Korea) and India, (which has an ambulance unit in Korea).

The Japanese peace treaty is expected to become operative in the second half of this month.

The Commonwealth views will then be collated with those of the other United Nations countries who have troops in Korea. The views will next be presented to the Japanese Government through General Matthew Ridgway, Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers in the Pacific.

The Commonwealth countries might ask the Japanese Government to pay at least part of the cost of facilities provided for troops stationed in Japan for as long as the Korean war lasts.

The Commonwealth countries concerned may also seek to examine questions affecting the jurisdiction over their troops in Japan after the Japanese peace treaty becomes operative.

The American - Japanese security treaty provides for jurisdiction over American troops in Japan after the coming into force of the peace treaty. Special arrangements are required to cover the position of other troops.—Reuter.

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ORDERS BOOKED

Ban On Coal Exports

Johannesburg, Apr. 1.

South Africa today banned all export from the Transvaal coal fields and reduced the coal export quota from the Natal collieries.

A Government official said the step was taken to avoid a serious shortage here this winter.—Reuter.

Malaya Tin Bureau In America

London, Apr. 1.

The Malayan Tin Producers have announced the opening of an office in the United States to provide accurate information on tin production and marketing.

The new Information Centre, under the name of The Malayan Tin Bureau, is located at 1028 Connecticut Avenue, Washington 6 D.C. with Mr Lynn W. Meekins as Director.

The establishment of this Bureau reflects the mutual and vital interests of Malaya and the United States in this strategic metal.

Mr Meekins, in his announcement, said that Malaya was the world's largest producer of tin and the United States was the world's largest user, adding that Malayan tin producers had been beset by numerous difficulties in the past decade. They were put out of business during World War II by the Japanese Occupation, returning in 1946 to find their mining equipment heavily damaged or destroyed and, since June 1948, had been further handicapped by Communist sabotage and terrorism.

In spite of these obstacles, they have stepped up postwar tin production, starting from scratch, to more than 57,000 tons per annum. Mr Meekins has had a long career in United States trade promotion and was a graduate at Johns Hopkins University. He organised and supervised American trade offices in five continents and represented his country in trade negotiations in Canada, Britain, South Africa and Egypt.

Mr Meekins returned recently to Washington from a visit to the tin producing areas in Malaya.—London Express Service.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Apr. 1.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber,	
per lb. May	106¾-¾
June	107-107½
July	—
Number 2 rubber,	
May	106¾-107¼
Number 3 rubber,	
May	104¾-104¾
Number 4 rubber,	
May	100½-101½
Spot rubber unbaled ...	110½-111½
Blanket crepe	76-78
No. 1 pale crepe	130-135

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Apr. 1.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber,	
in pence per lb.	313/-32¼
May	31¾-32
June	31½-¾
July/September	30½-¾
October/December	29-29¼
January/March	28-28¼

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Apr. 1.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

September	34.50-34.60
October	33.90 nominal
November	33.23 nominal
December	32.60 bid
January (1953)	32.30 nominal
February	32.00 nominal
March	31.70 nominal
April	31.40 nominal
May	31.10 nominal
June	30.80

—United Press.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Apr. 1.

Prices of grain futures closed today as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.22 nominal
May	2.50½-2.50
July	2.42¼
September	2.42¾
December	2.47¼-½
Corn	
Spot	1.87 nominal
May	1.84½-½
July	1.86-1.86½
September	1.82-1.82½
December	1.73½
Rye	
May	—
July	—
Oats	
May	85½-½
July	82¾-½

New York flour—per 200 lb. Sack. $12.45 nominal.—United Press.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Apr. 1.

Japanese bonds	
"A" (4s. of 1899) ..	73
"B" (4s. of 1910) ..	50¾
"C" (5s. of 1907) ..	118
"D" (5s. of 1934) ..	82½
"E" (5½s. of 1934) ..	120½
Consols	80⅞

—United Press.

JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL EXPERTS ON TOUR OF FACTORIES IN BRITAIN

London, Mar. 25.

Three representatives from Japan are nearing the end of a month spent in the factories and trade union conference rooms of industrial England. They arrived on March 2, to study wages, work conditions and welfare.

And, in their notebooks and minds they will carry back knowledge for the new resurgent Japan which is once more trying to stake a claim in the world's markets.

Heading the mission is Dr Iwao Ayusawa, a small, clear-thinking man who is professor of labour relations at Japan Christian University. Frank in his opinions, he has been a useful ambassador for Japan on this tour. And, as an industrial expert, a perceptive student.

Inability to speak English has handicapped his two companions on the delegation but their eagerness to learn has been intense.

Miss Haru Ono, chief of the women's division of the All-Japan Express Workers' Union, is a smiling plumpish woman who wears her Western clothes easily.

Mrs Ayako Yamashita, older, widowed and once a factory worker, has brought personal experience and a quick brain into her work in England. She says she has learned much about Lancashire cotton mill conditions to take back to Japan's Cotton Spinners Division of the National Federation of Fibre Industry Unions.

The three Japanese assert they have been shown friendliness everywhere. Short cuts through factories and informal discussions with trade union leaders, they say, have carried an atmosphere of co-operation which has lent strength to Dr Ayusawa's hopes for continued world peace.

WORLD SCHEME

"We have to build up a world economic co-operative scheme, with countries sharing each other's knowledge," he told British industrialists and unionists during a three-day tour in Lancashire.

"Don't call it competition — it is an integrated world economy that will be the salvation of the world, and it is part of the new world that has evolved since the last war," he hastened to add.

The spectacled professor, remembering that Lancashire can suffer from Japan's own textile industry, was however eager to assure them that "there is such a need for textiles in the world that there is no need for competition, either Japanese or Lancashire."

If any country tried to monopolise its textile products, or any other products, it would create an impossible situation, said Dr Ayusawa. It was encouraging to see the textile industry spreading all over the world and into the least developed areas.

"Even while I was flying to England, I met Japanese textile experts going to Burma, Pakistan, and the Philippines to teach the people how to build up their industries. Japan will lose markets when these are established but"—and here the professor smiled—"we could expand others, such as the bicycle or rubber industries."

ESSENTIAL PART

Talking to trade unionists and labour administrators, Dr Ayusawa and his two companions also stressed that trade unionism in Japan was of assistance to Japanese workers because it tended to raise their living standards.

Mr A. Robertson, president of the United Textile Factory Workers' Association, agreed. "The process," he told the professor in an informal meeting in Manchester, "is an essential part of building democracy in Japan."

His organisation has promised to send Japanese textile unions copies of rule books, pamphlets and other literature outlining the history of unions in England and their methods of procedure.

"This co-operation is invaluable," said Dr Ayusawa. "Strong trade unions in Japan are imperative for the time when occupation ends. There would otherwise be a void in industrial relations from which Japanese workers might not emerge beneficially.

"It is of extreme interest, remembering this, to study English industries where there is a co-operative basis of reasoning between trade unions and managements. Welfare measures for workers have also been of particular interest for us on this tour," he said.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at $242,595. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank ..	1300	1415	
INSURANCES			
Canton		255	20 @ 250
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav ..	1.70	1.75	
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf XD		87	
N. D. Wharf		6¼	
Dock		10.10	
Providient XD		12¼	
Wheelock ...	453¼		700 @ 443¼
			100 @ 45
			500 @ 451¼
			1200 @ 453½
			1100 @ 46
			300 @ 453¼
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel XD	7.15	7.30	500 @ 7.25
HK Land XD	434½		
Humphreys XD	12¼		
UTILITIES			
Tram XD ..	15	15.10	500 @ 15
Peak Tram (O)	24½		100 @ 25
Peak Tram (N)	12½		
Star Ferry XD		100	
C. Light (O)	8.10	8.30	
C. Light (N)		5½	
Electric XD	20	20¼	1532 @ 20
			500 @ 20
			92 @ 20
			200 @ 20.10
Telephone ...	15½	16	
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement XD		13.05	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	17¾	18.40	
Watson XD	20.75	21½	
Watson (R)		1.60	
L. Crawford	31¾		
COTTONS			
Ewo	2.15		1000 @ 2.20
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	5.10	5.40	

Jap Exports Of Sewing Machine Heads

New York, Apr. 1.

Mr Phillip S. Morse, of the National Association of Sewing Machine Distributions, is on a two-month tour during which he will visit six nations to discuss the problems of distribution of machine heads made in Japan.

Mr Morse's first stop will be Tokyo, where he will discuss a proposed partnership with Aichi Kogyo Ltd. of Nagoya, a factory which makes sewing machine heads.

Mr Morse will also confer with Japanese Government and Occupying Military and State Department officials concerning expansion of the industry.

Mr Morse has designed a new modern machine head which will be manufactured by Aichi Kogyo, and a total production of 80,000 is expected during 1952.

Mr Morse said: "The new machine is not the copy of any existing head and I hope it will start a new trend of Japanese independence in design and manufacture."

He added that the American public had given a good reception to Japanese heads already imported.

Mr Morse will arrive in Tokyo on April 5, and later will visit India, Israel, Italy, France and Britain.—United Press.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, Apr. 1.

Stock Exchange prices turned lower for the first time in five sessions with railroad shares leading the down trend. Dow Jones averages at the end of the session stood as follows:—

30 industrials	267.22
20 rails	93.29
15 utilities	—
40 bonds	—

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	6.805
Sterling note (per £1)	15.05
Indonesian guilders (per 100)	2.02
Siam ticals (per 100)	29.50
Singapore (Straits)	1.81
FIC piastres (per 100)	14.40

Copra Quotation

New York, Apr. 1.

Copra was quoted today at $125 per short ton. Cocoanut oil was quoted at 8 cents a pound, asked.—United Press.

Foreign Exchanges In NY

New York, Apr. 1.

Canada	US$1.01⅛
England—official	2.81¾
" unofficial	2.37 bid
	2.40 asked
" 30-day futures	2.80¾
" 90-day futures	2.79¼
Australia	2.79
New Zealand	2.80¼
South Africa	2.81¼
Belgium	.019315
Denmark	.1455
France	.0027-9/16
West Germany	1.70
Holland	.2320
Italy	.1165
Norway	.1370
Portugal	.0265
Spain	.0205
Sweden	.2297
Switzerland	
Middle East	
Egypt	2.68½
Iran	.2375
Iraq	2.81
Turkey	.3373
Latin America	
Argentina	.0735
Brazil	.050
Bolivia	—
Chile	.0110
Colombia	.4025
Cuba	1.00
Mexico	.1155
Peru	.0670
Uruguay	.3725
Venezuela	.2005
Far East	
India	.2110
Pakistan	.2030
Hongkong	.1750
Indonesia	.3015
Singapore, ...	.3208
Japan	360 yen to US$1

—United Press.

Decline In NY Cotton

New York, Apr. 1.

Prices of cotton futures closed today up one point to off 11 to 35 points.

Spot	42.55 nominal
May	41.41-41.43
July	40.40-40.50
October	37.57-37.58
December	37.27-37.30
March (1953)	37.15 nominal
May	36.90
July	36.00 nominal

—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Spot	41.65
May	41.49
July	—
October	37.62
December	37.20-37.23
March (1953)	37.17 bid
May	36.93
July	36.51 bid

—United Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Apr. 1.

World sugar futures closed today 1 to 4 higher with sales totalling 313 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed 1 to 3 higher with sales totalling 381 contracts.

Contract No. 4 (world)

May	4.38
July	4.38 bid
September	4.38-4.39
November	4.38
Spot	4.36

Contract No. 6

July	5.04
September	5.00 bid
November	5.00 bid
Spot	5.05

—United Press.

NY Seeds And Oils

New York, Apr. 1.

Prices in the seeds and oils market closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:—

Peanut oil, per lb. F.O.B. New York, 12⅞ cents.—United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Apr. 1.

The tin market was quiet this morning, with turnover 25 tons, all for forward. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	960½
Spot tin, sellers	962
Further done at	nil
Three-months tin, buyers ...	963½
Three-months tin, sellers	966
Business done at	963½
Settlement	961

—United Press.

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"VAN HEUTSZ"	Apr. 8th	Singapore & East Africa
"STRAAT SOENDA"	Apr. 8th	Manila, Singapore, Mombasa, L. Marques & S. Africa
"TASMAN"	Apr. 11th	Japan
"TJIBODAS"	Apr. 13th	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJILUWAH"	Apr. 16th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TASMAN"	Apr. 20th	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
"TJIWANGI"	May 2nd	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIPONDOK"	May 8th	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	May 9th	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TEGELBERG"	May 13th	Japan
"TJILUWAH"	May 16th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIKAMPEK"	May 27th	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar.
"RUYS"	May 27th	Japan
"TJIWANGI"	June 2nd	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TEGELBERG"	June 9th	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJIBODAS"	June 13th	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJILUWAH"	June 16th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIPANAS"	June 17th	Japan
"TJIWANGI"	July 2nd	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"VAN HEUTSZ"	July 7th	Japan
"TJIPANAS"	July 8th	Manila, Singapore, Penang, & E. & S. Africa
"TJIPONDOK"	July 8th	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"RUYS"	July 9th	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJIWANGI"	July 16th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar

ARRIVALS		From
"TASMAN"	Apr. 10th	Penang, Belawan Deli, Palembang, Djakarta & Singapore
"TJILUWAH"	Apr. 13th	Macassar, Surabaia, Semarang, Djakarta & Singapore
"TJIWANGI"	Apr. 28th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"EASTWAY"	Apr. 30th	Djakarta, Belawan Deli & Singapore

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Pinay's Tunisian Policy Given Approval

Paris, Apr. 1.

French Premier Antoine Pinay told the National Assembly today that if France had not taken strong action in Tunisia there would have been grave consequences for the whole of North Africa.

He was speaking in favour of a Government motion to postpone a debate on Tunisia until May 20, and he won, in effect, a vote for the Government's Tunisian policy when the National Assembly passed the motion. It was a Parliamentary victory for the Premier's Tunisian policy.

The Gaullists, Moderate Conservatives, Radicals, Near Radicals and most Popular Republicans voted for the motion. The Socialists, Communists, about 25 Popular Republicans and four or five Moderate Conservatives voted against it.

All those voting against it disapproved of the Government's measures to suppress nationalist agitation in Tunisia except the few Moderate Conservatives who disapproved of the concessions made to the Tunisians.

In his statement Premier Pinay said that a party "organised on a world scale" had led the Nationalist Neo Destour Party in dangerous paths.

M. Pinay said the Chenik Government had never denounced the Nationalist disorders in Tunisia and had always refused to appeal for calm. Chenik had not called a Cabinet meeting for months before his dismissal. His Ministers had held up 67 decrees which should have been forwarded to the Bey, and had not drawn up a budget bill.

COMPLEMENTARY

M. Pinay said: "Today as yesterday the choice is not between policy of firmness and a policy of reform: the two are complementary."

He asked the House not to continue the debate at present but proposed a full debate on Tunisia on May 20 after the recess.

Earlier, two left-wing members of the Popular Republican Party had sharply attacked French actions in Tunisia.

M. Maurice Fonlupt-Esperaber, who was in the Protectorate during last week's arrests, said he had experienced "painful days" humiliating for a Frenchman. He claimed that during police operations on Cape Bon early this year, acts of brutality had been committed and there had been "systematic destruction" after the rioting had ceased there.

M. Andre Denis maintained that men who freely criticised French policy in Tunisia should not have been removed.

He also spoke of "indescribable things" happening on Cape Bon and said France could not tolerate being dishonoured by such actions.

Moderate Conservatives and Gaullists protested at this statement.

IN AGREEMENT

M. Raymond Laurent, official Popular Republican spokesman, said his party agreed with the proposed reforms in Tunisia. He called for an investigation of the Cape Bon happenings and for the lifting of all special security measures in Tunisia.

The Gaullist chairman, M. Fouchet, said that his party, the Rally of French People, regretted the "weak and erroneous" French policy in Tunisia and approved the dismissal of the Chenik Ministry and the recovery of French policy in recent weeks."

He said if the Neo Destour gained power, it would be the death of Democracy in Tunisia.

Socialist Robert Verdier said the Socialists disapproved the French policy in Tunisia as one of brutality.

M. Francois Quilici, Moderate Conservative Deputy for Algeria, said the Government was making too many concessions.—Reuter.

REFORM PLAN

Tunis, Apr. 1.

The Tunisian Premier-designate, Salah Eddine Baccouche, was tonight still trying to form a Tunisian Cabinet to replace the Nationalist Government of Mohamed Chenik, which the Bey dismissed last week at French request.

According to usually reliable sources, M. Baccouche told the Bey that he did not think he could form a Government in the absence of co-operation from representative Tunisian leaders, but agreed to the Bey's request to continue his efforts.

The Premier tonight announced to the Tunisian people the French reform plan for the Protectorate.

The main points of the plan were:

Firstly, increased independence for Tunisian Ministers.

Secondly, a Franco-Tunisian Administrative Tribunal, presided over by a Frenchman, will give opinions on the legality of all measures taken and will have unrestricted power of veto.

Thirdly, the Bey will retain the sole legislative power exercised through decrees. To assist him in this function a purely Tunisian Legislative Council will be created. Its members will at first be appointed by the Bey but at a later stage will be elected.

Fourthly, a Financial Council made up equally of Frenchmen and Tunisians will exercise a consultative function on budgetary and financial matters.

"The method of designation of members will be in principle that of election," the communique said.

Fifthly, local assemblies will vote purely local expenditure. The number of French members on town councils will be fixed according to local circumstances. In large towns the principle of parity is admitted.

IN STAGES

The statement said that the reforms agreed between the Bey and the French Resident General last Friday would be submitted to a meeting of the mixed French-Tunisian Commission on April 24 for working out in detail.

The communique said that the reforms would be carried out by stages, the first to begin as quickly as possible. Further reforms were envisaged to begin five years after the first of the initial changes take effect.

The statement said that the respect for the Bey's sovereignty was formally recognised in the reform plan.

"As a result of this principle the French Government admits, as it has always done, that the rights of France and the French in Tunisia can only result from a bilateral agreement between the two countries," it added.

In addition to the above, Civil Service posts will be open to Tunisians. Up to now they fill three-quarters of the lower and middle posts and half the higher ones.

To give time for these reforms to take root further changes will be made for the five years.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, Programme Summary; 6.02, Children's Half Hour—"Toytown" by S. G. Hulme Beaman (BBCTS)—"How the Wireless came to Toytown"; 6.30, Songs of England; 7, Time Signal, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Jean Halliday (Studio); 7.50, Weather Report; 8, From the Editorials (Recorded Relay); 8.10, Interlude; 8.15, Orchestra of the Week—The Symphony Orchestra of the Academy of Santa Cecilia, Rome; 8.45, Vanessa Lee sings Ivor Novello Successes; 9, Piano Recital by Irene Yuen (Studio); 9.20, Music from the Caribbean—by Arthur Benjamin; 9.30, Canterbury Tales No. 12 (BBCTS)—The Squire's Tale—Chaucer's Poem adapted for broadcasting by Nevill Coghill; 10.10, Queen's Hall Light Orchestra; 10.30, Time for Music (BBCTS)—The BBC Scottish Variety Orchestra conducted by Kenio Stephen with Ian Gourlay; 11, Radio Newsreel (Recorded Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.29, Weather Report: God Save The Queen; 11.30 Close down.

CRASH LANDING AT KAI TAK

An RAF Vampire fighter made a crash landing at Kai Tak this morning. The pilot was uninjured.

A spokesman described the accident as being of a very minor nature.

Scene Of Shocking Air Disaster

Forty-three people perished when a KLM air liner Queen Juliana crashed in flames into the forest while trying to make an instrument landing in bad weather at Frankfurt airport. The scene of the disaster in the forest near Frankfurt.—London Express.

APPEAL AGAINST EVICTION ORDER

An appeal against the decision of the Chairman of the Tenancy Tribunal, when he granted an application for the eviction of the appellant and other occupiers of No. 37, Connaught Road Central, second floor, on the ground of arrears in rent, was brought before the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Appellant was Ah Pong and he was represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, on the instructions of Mr Y. H. Chan.

Mr P. A. L. Vine appeared for the respondents, Yeung Yam-hoo and Chow Wing-ki, of No. 37, Connaught Road Central.

The grounds of the appeal were that the decision of the Chairman of the Tenancy Tribunal was against the weight of evidence and was wrong in law.

Mr Bernacchi said that the appeal was based on mixed fact and law. He wanted to make it clear that he did not dispute a single basic finding of fact. What he disputed were the inferences whether of fact or of law that the Chairman had drawn from his basic findings of fact.

THREE POINTS

Counsel said that he would address the Court on three points, namely:

1. — That the finding that some time in 1940 the tenancy was varied and a new tenancy that rent payable in advance created cannot be supported.

2.—That in a case of this nature it is sufficient to be ready and willing to tender on the premises.

3.—That a tender before service of application is sufficient.

Referring to General Rule 309 of Woodfall, 24th edition, Landlord and Tenant, Mr Bernacchi said that one could say with confidence that the General Rule was rent was not payable in advance unless it was expressly reserved to be payable in advance.

After referring to the judgment which dealt with the principal point (was rent payable in advance or in arrears), Counsel said that it was impossible to say from the finding that originally rent was not payable in advance but that as from some time in 1940 a new tenancy was created on the terms that rent was payable in advance. The reason why the Chairman held that a new tenancy was created, Counsel submitted, was because of the terms of the rent receipts that were given as from 1940.

He said that the phraseology used by the Chairman admitted of no other interpretation. It was impossible to read into those words of finding "rent was always payable in advance" particularly when he used the phrase "new tenancy."

POSITION CLEAR

Counsel submitted that the position was quite clear that these printed terms on rent receipts varied, although it was true that in all of them the term "rent payable in advance" was to be found.

The appellant's evidence, said Counsel, was that he never bothered about these printed provisions on the receipts and it seemed from the respondents' own evidence that the rent was in fact very often paid in arrears.

If the Chairman was right in holding that these rent receipts constituted a change in tenancy, then it must follow, argued Counsel, that there was not one variation but a variation each time a landlord bought a new book of rent receipts.

In his submission there was nothing to show that there was a new tenancy created between the parties and there was no reason to say that a tenant should read the printed conditions on a receipt and should become bound by them, which were not in accordance with the terms of tenancy, particularly, when, as in the present case, such terms varied with the contents of each rent receipt book that might be purchased.

Counsel submitted that it was clear from the judgment that it was solely on the ground of the rent receipt and nothing else that the Chairman based his decision that there was a variation of new tenancy in 1940. He asked the Court on this aspect to reverse the decision and to hold that since rent was clearly not payable in advance originally that the mere tender or these forms of receipts was not sufficient to say that it was now payable in advance.

SECOND POINT

Dealing with his second point, Mr Bernacchi said that normally there was a tenancy agreement in which it was proved that one of the terms of agreement was a condition as to payment of rent. In that case the question of tender on the property did not arise but where, as in the present case, there was nothing established except the tenancy at a certain rental, then the old common law rule was as good today as it always had been that it was sufficient to be ready and willing to tender rent on the property.

After reading a portion of the judgment, Mr Bernacchi said that it was clear that the Chairman did find that appellant was ready and willing to tender on the land.

Mr Vine interposed to say that he did not think there was any finding of that kind, in fact, the Chairman dismissed the whole idea.

Mr Bernacchi said that if he was right on that point, in such types of tenancy the landlord would have to go and say to his tenant "Pay your rent" and if the latter refused to take out proceedings.

Appellant had been a contractual tenant for a large number of years on a monthly basis, so that any question of what would be the position of a mere statutory tenant, because the question of common law rights might or might not come in, did not arise where he was in fact a contractual tenant, Counsel said.

He submitted that it was clear that the position was the landlord was due to be paid on the land, and therefore a readiness and willingness to pay on the land was a sufficient tender and there was no obligation for the tenant in a case of this nature to find out his landlord and pay him wherever the landlord might be.

This was a most important point, Counsel added, in view of the fact that it could not be denied — numerous cases were coming before these Courts — where there was a strong suspicion that landlords made themselves difficult to find so as to avoid a tender within 30 days.

The hearing is continuing.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Dragon. 2. Detroit, Michigan. 3. Arctic Circle, Antarctic Circle, Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn. 4. Shigeru Yoshida. 5. Venus. 6. French.

Jay Walker Pays The Penalty

Ip Sze-chung, 40, an unemployed Shanghailander, appeared in Kowloon court this morning with a dislocated left arm.

Ip was charged before Mr Oswald Cheung with jay-walking.

Insp. Jones said that Ip dashed from Shanghai Street into Jordan Road and collided with a motor cycle yesterday afternoon.

"You are lucky that your pocket is not hurt too," Mr Cheung told the defendant.

"You are cautioned and discharged."

Police Raid Produces Results

At about 1 o'clock this morning, a large party of Police detectives under Mr R. H. Woodhead, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, Hongkong, and DSI R. G. Laurel, in charge of the Anti-Robbery Squad, raided various addresses in Bay View districts.

On entering the premises at No. 66, Java Street, second floor, the Police found two Chinese males preparing opium. The place was scattered with chattles, pots, pans, filters and other articles. The men were detained. A further search of the premises enabled the Police to seize opium pipes, pipe heads, lamps and other smoking gears.

In the premises downstairs, the Police found one opium pipe, pipe heads and a quantity of prepared opium on a tray in one of the beds. Hidden in a secret compartment of a drawer was a large jar of prepared opium, about four taels of raw opium, and two tins of opium dross. One of the inmates was arrested by Police.

Brought before Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning, three men were charged with possession of opium and opium pipes.

Lau Pun-kong, 51, native of Soochow, of No. 66, Java Street, first floor, and Chan Ping-yueng, 47, native of Shanghai, of the second floor were fined $1,350 and $850 respectively when they both pleaded guilty to the charges.

Chow Kam-kwan, 35, native of Shanghai, was discharged when he pleaded not guilty and the Police offered no evidence against him.

The opium and opium gear were ordered to be confiscated.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

IT'S quite simple, really. After each Penny Green train there's an interval of three minutes before a Shillingstone train comes in. The next Penny Green train appears after an interval of a quarter of an hour.—London Express Service.

Tenancy Tribunal Decision Upheld By Judge

An appeal against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal in refusing to grant an application for eviction on the grounds of alleged sub-letting was dismissed by Mr Justice Reece in the Appeal Court this morning.

The original application before the Tenancy Tribunal was brought by Tam Chin-ping (appellant) against Ip Siu-hong and Chan Ng-shi for the recovery of possession of 215 Queen's Road Central, first floor.

Mr V.L.J. D'Alton, instructed by Hastings and Co., appeared for the appellant, and Mr E.A.L. Wright, instructed by Bruton and Co., represented the respondents.

In a written judgment, Mr Justice Reece said, in part:

The appellant is the principal tenant of the first floor of No. 215, Queen's Road, Central, and the opponent is the subtenant of the front cubicle and verandah. The nature of the tenancy is not clear from the evidence, but the respondent, Ip Siu-hong, rented the premises in 1945 at a rent which was ultimately fixed at $70. On October 30, 1951, about noon, Ip Siu-hong moved out and went into residence at 199, Hollywood Road, second floor. This fact is admitted by the respondent. The appellant alleges that the respondent Ip Siu-hong moved out all of his furniture and that Chang Ng-shi moved in along with a woman and dancing girl. While the respondents admit that Ip Siu-hong has removed to 199, Hollywood Road, they deny that he removed all of his furniture from the premises and claim that he is still in control of the premises having put one Chan Miu in occupation free of rent to hold the premises for Ip Siu-hong's sister who is coming from Canton. The second respondent, Chan Ng-shi, denied being a tenant of the premises and said she lived at 21, Cooke Street, Kowloon.

The reason given for the application to recover possession was that the tenant had sublet the premises without the permission of the landlord, contrary to the provisions of section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

5-WORD DECISION

The decision of the President of the Tenancy Tribunal is given in five words, viz, "No subletting proved. Application dismissed". There are no findings of fact and no reasons are given for the decision.

Four grounds of appeal have been set out. The first ground is that the decision is against the weight of the evidence. The decision was that no subletting was proved and I am satisfied that there was no evidence to support the claim of subletting, and the decision is in accordance with the evidence. The first ground must therefore fail.

Grounds 2 and 4 were argued together. Ground 2 is that since the respondents admit that the tenant, Ip Siu-hong, has moved out of the premises and surrendered occupation to Chan Ng-shi, this amounts to a parting with possession sufficient for the Chairman to order the eviction of the respondents. Ground 4 is that by living away from the premises Ip Siu-hong is no longer a protected tenant entitled to the protection of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

Counsel for the appellant contended that Ip Siu-hong is a non-occupying tenant and that a statutory tenant is only entitled to protection when in residence. In support of his contention, Counsel cited the case of Brown v. Brash, (1948) 1 A.E.R. 922. This argument presupposes in the first place that the tenant Ip Siu-hong was a statutory tenant.

DEFINITION

What is a statutory tenant? Megarry, 6th Edition at p.142 says: "A statutory tenancy arises when a tenant under a lease or other contractual tenancy of premises within the Acts holds over, i.e., remains in possession after the expiration of the contractual tenancy."

In Brown v. Brash cited by Counsel for the appellant notice to quit was given to the tenant. In the case before me, Counsel for the respondents denies that the tenant is a statutory tenant while agreeing that Brown v. Brash would apply if the tenant Ip Siu-hong were a statutory tenant. From the record of evidence taken before the Tenancy Tribunal, there is no evidence whatever that the tenancy of Ip Siu-hong was determined by any notice and I find myself compelled to find that on such evidence no statutory tenancy has arisen and so the principles laid down in Brown v. Brash cannot apply to this case. That being so, grounds 2 and 4 must also fail.

I now come to ground 3 of the grounds of appeal which reads as follows:—"As the applicant was not legally represented, the learned Chairman was wrong in relying on any technical wording of the application and asking for eviction for sub-letting without permission and not the words "or parting with possession".

FOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

To understand this ground clearly, it is necessary to refer again to section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. It is to be observed that the Ordinance makes provision for four sets of circumstances in which a landlord can apply to the Court for permission to recover possession. If the tenant transfers, assigns, sublets or parts with possession of the premises or part thereof without the permission of the landlord, then the Court can make an order against him. I have already observed that the basis of the application before the Tenancy Tribunal was subletting. There was no other ground on which the applicant relied and the Tribunal found that there was no subletting and dismissed the application. But in the course of the evidence before the Tribunal, it was stated by the applicant and his witnesses, and admitted by the solicitor for the defendants/respondents and by the witness Chan Mo-tak, called for the respondents, that the respondent Ip Siu-hong had moved out of the premises. This fact was seized upon by the appellant and is now advanced as a ground of appeal. Counsel for the appellant has argued that the Chairman never applied his mind to this aspect. That may well be so, although Counsel for the respondents submitted that the point was present to the mind of the Chairman of the Tribunal.

CAN'T TAKE POINT

I have already remarked that there are no findings of fact in the decision of the Chairman of the Tenancy Tribunal, and so it is impossible for this Court to say what the Chairman may or may not have had in his mind other than that there was no subletting established. But the question for me now is whether the appellant can take a point on appeal which he did not take in the Court below. In my opinion, it is not open to the appellant to take a point on appeal which he did not take at the trial. Under section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, it was open to the applicant to rely on any or all of the four grounds prescribed, a violation of which would entitle him to recover possession. He relied on one only and failed to establish it. I do not conceive that it is the duty of the Chairman to make a case for the applicant; he is there to dispense justice as between the parties on the facts before him.

In these circumstances, I am of opinion that it is unnecessary to decide the point whether on the evidence that was before him the Chairman ought to have found that the respondent Ip Siu-hong had in fact parted with possession of the premises and thereby committed a breach of section 20 above-named entitling the appellant to recover possession. I confine myself to what is before me and not to what might have been or what might yet be before me.

For the reasons given, the appeal is dismissed with costs.

Living Language

Why we say Lumber-room.

A "lumber-room" is really a pawnbroker's room where unredeemed pledges are stored, because the bankers and pawnbrokers of the middle ages were the *Lombards* (that is, lang-bards or "long-beards") who came from northern Italy.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office, registered articles and parcel mails close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below;

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
By Air

U.S.A., 2 p.m., P.A.A.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., C.P.A.
Japan, Korea, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways.
Okinawa, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., N.W.A.L.

By Surface

Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
Canada, 2 p.m., ss Peter Maersk.
Japan, U.S.A., Central & South America, 2 p.m., ss Pres. Grant.
Formosa, 2 p.m., ss Shengking.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3
By Air

Siam, Burma, Pakistan, Basra, Beirut, Great Britain, Europe, 9 a.m., via B.O.A.C.
Indo-China, 5 p.m., Air Vietnam.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

By Surface

Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. train via Canton.
Malaya, Middle East, 10 a.m., ss Tarifa.
Philippines, 9 a.m., ss Morella.
Indo-China, Mauritius, 2 p.m., ss Luxmi.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4
By Air

Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 8 a.m., via C.P.A.L.
Siam, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 8 a.m., B.O.A.C.
Burma, India, 10.30 a.m., Thai Airways.
Formosa, Japan, Noon C.A.T.
Formosa, Okinawa, 5 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., P.A.L.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., Q.E.A.

By Surface

Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. train via Canton.
Malaya, Burma, India, 10 a.m., ss Noreverelt.
Philippines, 10 a.m., ss Mindanao.
Japan, 10 a.m., ss Sirast Makassar.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
By Air

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Bahrein, Great Britain, Europe, 11.30 a.m., via B.O.A.C.
U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m., P.A.A.
Japan, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 5 p.m., Air France.
Siam, 5 p.m., Thai Airways.

By Surface

Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. 5 p.m., train via Canton.

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